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WHAT WE DID AT THE CONVENTION.

It is difficult to put into concrete expression the actual work of a Convention. The gathering of Thetas of all ages—from the charter member to the latest initiate—from every section of the country and from varied college environments is an inspiration in itself. Especially valuable are the opportunities for the quiet talks, for the exchanging of plans over the lunch table, for the midnight spreads and all the events—little and big—that mean Convention to those of us fortunate enough to be there. But to all the unfortunate members who were not there, these things are but the shadow of dreams and they are eager for a statement of the tangible things accomplished. These I will try to enumerate.

First there was the installaton of Sigma Chapter. As we gathered that first evening—some one hundred strong—in beautiful Swarthmore's gymnasium and listened to our impressive installation ritual, Kappa Alpha Theta national fraternity was a very powerful and influential reality. How proud we were that it was our fraternity! Proud, too, of this new chapter, whose auspicious installation drew them close to each older chapter! There is every reason to congratulate ourselves on this extension and to expect Sigma to realize the promise of her charter members and their immediate introduction to national fraternity work.

Business sessions were busy times from the first hurried session, which was two hours late in convening, as the train bearing the special car from Chicago, with half of the delegates aboard, was very late in reaching Philadelphia. Every officer was present and every chapter, active and alumnae, officially represented—a unique Convention experience.

The discussion of intersorority matters was one of the most important and helpful sessions, though, as in other discussions, time was too limited. Our future Conventions must cover more days or else we must not have so many important subjects for legislation. It is difficult to avoid the latter condition, and Convention would surely be more effective if sessions were less crowded.

The great increase of administrative duties led to the providing of a deputy for each officer. Each deputy is to be selected by the officer whom she is to aid. The Journal editor was authorized to appoint a business manager, thus dividing the heavy duties connected with the Journal. Furthermore, the Grand Council is to elect four district editors, each one to collect news of Thetas in her district, solicit subscriptions, provide Journal articles and in every way aid the editor in the work affecting her district.

The Education committee is to prepare a syllabus to be used in fraternity study. This syllabus will cover a definite field and the course will extend over two years. Parliamentary law, history of the fraternity movement and fields for extension, will be included, as well as history, policy, etc., of Kappa Alpha Theta.

The Convention provided for the publication of two handbooks; one a brief history of the fraternity, the other a résumé of rulings and policy, duties of chapter officers, etc. An historical number of the Journal is to be issued this year, especially emphasizing chapter history. Provision was also made for collecting data for a new edition of the song book.

The work on chapter by-laws and on Founders' day cere-

monials, continued from last Convention was put in definite, finished form. The Ritual discussion was an important one. The next two years' trial is to prove whether the Convention's finally adopted revision is wise or otherwise. The fine spirit shown by delegates in considering the national view point paramount over chapter customs in this discussion can not be too highly commended.

Provision was made for the collection and preservation in each district of district archives. The Grand President reported great progress in the difficult work of completing the files in the national archives. The card catalogue of members, formerly with the Journal editor, was transferred to the national archives and the work of keeping it to date given to the Keeper of the Archives.

As we extended our circle of fraternity influence by installing the Toronto Chapter, so did we lay plans for broadening our scholastic interests by plans for a Theta scholarship. This has long been a cherished dream of Iota Alumnae. Now, ably seconded by other chapters, the plan has taken concrete form. The fund for the scholarship is to be entirely voluntary contributions, each Theta having an opportunity to contribute any sum she wishes, be it large or small. When this fund, wisely invested, has grown large enough to yield a generous yearly income definite rules governing the awarding of the scholarship will be prepared. The intention is that the scholarship shall be sufficient for comfortable study, either abroad or at the best of our own graduate institutions.

There was the usual session devoted to amendments to the constitution and by-laws. The most important legislation has already been spoken of, though much was also done to organize and make more nearly perfect the form revision adopted four years ago.

Then came the closing session with its crowded program of things postponed till the last minute, its expressions of

gratitude to all who had helped to make the Convention a success, and our sojourn in Philadelphia a pleasure, the final reports of committees, and then—the impressive installation of the incoming Grand Council and the adjournment *sine die*.

But that was not the end, for there was yet the banquet to come. If I could but paint its varied scenes for you! The most impressive, the most enjoyable Theta function of my experience—Theta sisters, Theta flowers, Theta songs, Theta spirit in full and abundant measure.

PEARLE GREEN,
Grand Secretary.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE 1905 CONVENTION.

Addison's "Spectator," you remember, says "the looker-on sees most of the game," and I suppose it was on this principle that I was asked to give my impressions of the Philadelphia Convention. But I am not so sure that the "Spectator" is right. Certainly calling the Convention the game and myself the looker-on, I doubt very much that I saw as comprehensively or as vividly as those who were in the game. And in this respect, a purely personal one, the Convention was a disappointment to me. My dream had been that, with no duties to perform and my time all my own, I might devote myself to knowing the delegates personally as I had never been able to do before. But I reckoned without the other party, for though I had leisure, the delegates had not, and besides they had so much interest in the present that they had little left for an ex-anything. My impressions, then, were formed very largely from what I could observe from a favorable seat in the session room and from the crumbs I could pick up between times about the hall. Understanding all this, you will take my comments for what they are worth.

To one who can look back over a number of years' experi-

ence in the fraternity and at Conventions, there is a gratifying improvement to be remarked in the way the business of the sessions is conducted. There is a well-organized plan upon which the Convention works, and the "method of attack," as we might call it, is business-like and effective. During the last decade there has been a steady gain in the intelligence and competency of the delegates. As a consequence much less time is wasted and much less foolish legislation passed. At this last Convention, the wonder was not that the whole program was not covered, but that the delegates *intelligently* disposed of as much as they did.

A suggestion here might not be amiss. It does seem a pity to consume so much of the precious time of the Convention in the consideration of a great mass of amendments, many of which are trivial and unnecessary. My admiration for the courage and perseverance of the delegates in their struggle with these amendments was unbounded. I must confess that I fainted by the wayside more than once. Of course, if amendments are proposed in the proper way there is nothing to do but act upon them, but I hope the next Convention will not be burdened with the consideration of any further changes. Our poor old constitution must be sufficiently patched and refitted now to last for a few years as it is.

Another virtue besides that of method which has developed of recent years and which was evident at the last Convention, is the sense of obligation to the general fraternity. This was manifest chiefly in the chapter reports, which in almost every case proved that the chapters had tried conscientiously, sometimes against heavy odds, to carry out the policy of the general fraternity. The same tendency was noticeable in the willingness of chapters to relinquish certain cherished forms that the ritual might be made uniform. There was nothing harder demanded of the older chapters than this sacrifice, and, so far as I could judge, it was made with a good grace. The significance of such a spirit is

very deep. We have become a fraternity in truth when the parts admit they are but parts and must sometimes make concessions for the good of the whole.

In fact, uniformity was the keynote of the Convention and much was accomplished in its name—perhaps all that can ever be expected in the way of forms and methods. But to those who have the highest welfare of the fraternity at heart there are still defects that are more serious than diversity in the ritual or in the administration of chapter affairs. It is a defect that has always been present, is present in every national fraternity. I mean, of course, the diversity of standard, the divergence of type among the different chapters. Not that anyone would wish the personnel of each chapter to be exactly the same as that of every other; there are always desirable differences due to differences in location and environment, but certainly the ideal fraternity would contain no such inequalities as are to be found at every Convention. Let me, an old-timer, say, however, that there is much encouragement in the thought that even in this respect, our fraternity has advanced during the last ten or twelve years, and that much can be hoped for the future. Moreover, now, when our organization has been perfected and the tie uniting the chapters to the general fraternity has been strengthened—now we find ourselves fully equipped to cope with the most delicate and serious problem which the fraternity system presents. For one thing, the plan of personal investigation of every chapter on the part of the District Presidents is an excellent one, and if fearlessly and at the same time tactfully pursued, will be productive of inestimable good.

But the work of our Grand Council officers must be supported by an increased fastidiousness among the chapters themselves, or the upward trend will continue to be very slow. Nothing but the very best should satisfy them, and if that is not obtainable there is but one honest, loyal course for them to pursue—to surrender the charter and keep the

respect of the fraternity.

I, myself, have infinite faith in the future of our fraternity. I have seen too many wonderful transformations in the past. I am so convinced of the awakening of a new spirit among our chapters, and so proud of what it already has done, that I expect soon to see the day when Kappa Alpha Theta will be synonymous with the very highest type of womanhood wherever a chapter of the fraternity exists.

MYRA POST CADY.

EN ROUTE.

"What? Clear through to Philadelphia?" This in a surprised tone from the baggageman that Sunday evening in Los Angeles, and we two, delegates respectively from Iota Alumnæ and Phi, realized with a start the journey before us. To those of us farthest away from the Convention came the added experience of crossing the continent and covering the immense distances of the western states. Salt Lake, our first stop, we reached on the third day, after hours in the intolerable heat and white glare of the desert; then to Denver and on to Kansas City, the half-way point for us, where we joined our first Theta, Miss Nettleton, the Xi Alumnæ delegate. Our train into Chicago the next morning made close connection for us with the "Convention Car," and arriving there, we dropped the responsibility of travelers, and gave ourselves up to a jolly good time among friends. In that huge depot swarming with N. E. A. travelers, we singled out Theta pins here and there, and by train time saw a goodly number rounded up. Only one was missing, the Nebraska delegate, and we watched until the last minute the tracks of the Lincoln trains. Altogether we were some fourteen strong, and made up delegations from Minnesota, Wisconsin, Chicago, Kansas City and California.

July weather, on a train out of Chicago, is far from com-

fortable. Windows up for air, or down to keep out the dirt; ice water to drink, or ginger ale, we were all equally miserable, there were no degrees of comfort. Formalities of acquaintance were early dispensed with, a calling card tagging each one answered the purpose, and in spite of our miseries we were soon having a general exchange of ideas. At eight o'clock in the evening we picked up another delegation at Columbus, making our number over thirty. All the Phi delegate remembers of that was raising her be-kerchiefed head over the rod of an upper berth to shout a sleepy "Hello, Columbus!" to a noisy group below. They acknowledged she had a right to be weary on her sixth day out, and left her in peace. The next morning she heard the amusing tale of how they all turned in and made up their own berths, despairing of ever getting beds through the uncertain and inefficient motions of a green porter. One girl developed such skill that with the aid of a sophomore to fetch sheets and pillow cases from the linen closet she made up eight berths.

Outside of the fact that our car was accompanying a train of some four hundred N. E. A. excursionists, with but one "diner" for all of us, we had the lot of ordinary travelers all the way to Philadelphia. The long hours we livened up with much fun among ourselves, as only a lot of college girls know how to do. Had you peeked into the car you might have seen this: Overhead, everybody's hat swinging in a bag or newspaper; here or there, as far off as she can get from the laughing crowd, huddled among pillows in the hot upholstered seat, some unfortunate active delegate who has a Convention report yet to finish; in another corner, two bent on making an impression at the Convention, are learning backwards and forwards the list of delegates printed on the program; here another couple, quizzing each other on the chapter roll; from the big group comes a tale of "How we do at Minnesota," or of "What happened when we rushed So-and-So."

And so the time passed and we neared Philadelphia. We were more than two hours late, they said, and our two members of the credential committee decided to hold a session on board in order to facilitate matters on our arrival. With a hasty gathering of baggage and papers, and farewells to one or two who journeyed on, we found ourselves off that train at last and greeted with the hearty welcome of a host of Swarthmore girls—this injunction added, "Hurry up, girls! They are holding the Convention for you."

PHI.

ALPHA BETA AND THE COUNCIL.

The Sixteenth Annual Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta is a thing of the past, but the memories of those days will ever be with all whose privilege it was to attend that gathering, whether as official or visiting delegates. As we look back at those few fleeting days of July spent in historic old Philadelphia, certain impressions stand out never to be erased from our memories.

Who will ever forget the hospitality of our Alpha Beta girls, ideal hostesses, who spared no pains or deemed no effort too great to make each Theta feel at home! For a short time we were permitted to breath the atmosphere of the little Quaker College and learned to love it dearly.

To our Grand Council we give our greatest praise, for without their guidance and advice Theta could not stand where she does today. In their untiring efforts at Convention, and in the results of their labors during the past administration, we realized what this work must have been. We cannot thank them too sincerely nor can we do enough to aid the new Grand Council in their efforts to carry out the lines of policy laid down by the last Council.

OMEGA.

ALPHA BETA'S IMPRESSIONS.

Now that most of the Convention delegates are picking up the stray ends and commencing another year of fraternity life in colleges all over our country, the real value of that week in early July comes like another degree to add a sustaining and inspiring influence to the already great power we have found in Kappa Alpha Theta. In every chapter the emotions of the women who attended that national session, are transmitted to those who are her co-workers and sisters. She feels that there are others working to the same end, that the ideals and standards of her fraternity are not merely fine words and lofty phrases which serve only as a pretext for pleasant social gatherings and the traditional good times of her Alma Mater—no not that, but the practical working motto of hundreds of noble women whose very presence gives zest to work and to each comrade a determination to deserve the rare compliment that confidence has paid.

Convention brings this wonderful experience with its every recurrence, and each time to a different group of Thetas. As at initiation, it is true that the Grand Officers and the alumnae may be coming for the third or fourth time, knowing exactly what to expect; but always do they realize more and carry away with them a renewed confidence in the success of the fraternity, a larger acquaintance with its work and a greater sympathy with those who are striving to attain to the ideal womanhood.

The girl who is at Convention for the first time, who is only beginning to learn the lessons, the loyalty and the true significance of Kappa Alpha Theta, finds here the enthusiasm and inspiration which is to carry her through the trying and troublous times, the gay and honor fraught times of college. Here, too, she meets and clasps hands with the women who are to welcome her wherever she may go, whose love and

companionship will follow her out into the world, not alone for the vacation but all through life.

Believe me, it is good to find that the sentiments which filled our eyes and made husky our voices, when the banquet was over and nothing but the "good byes" remained to be said—good to find that the same emotion is strong here at college where, in the hurry and turmoil, our vision is so quickly clouded, where to fall just a little short of the ideals and standards we have embraced is to take the easier path.

MARY E. NORTH.

THE SOCIAL SIDE OF THE CONVENTION.

To a girl from the Middle West, even though she lives in a so-called city, there is something extremely attractive in any of the Eastern centers. How many of us will always remember Philadelphia—that old historic city—as a source of hospitality, comradeship and pleasure!

After a long trip, our welcome was so cordial and sincere, as to make us feel quite "homey" at once. With Alpha Beta as hostess, no one could possibly feel lonely or out of place. In fact, through the bonds of our fraternity, all felt so close together, that there was from the very first no formality. All arrangements were perfect, there was no confusion or delay, and everything testified to the executive ability of Alpha Beta.

The result of the sessions of Convention may be seen in the various reports, and the present chronicler will busy herself with the social side.

Girls! Girls! everywhere! In the hotel corridors and elevators, some wearing abstracted looks and with their hands full of papers, reports, notes and programs—these were the delegates; others beaming with the suppressed excitement of really being there—these were the visitors. The latter, perhaps, had a more careless, happy-go-lucky time, but then they had to be consoled in some way for not being overwhelmed with honor and importance.

During play time, between sessions, there was interest and animation everywhere. Such a pretty scene it was—that evening spent on the Swarthmore campus, with the old gray building looking on benignantly while white frocked girls chattered, and ate delicious things between breaths. And beautiful, indeed, was the walk down to the train, on the wide pathway between the rows of whispering trees that accompanied the dear old Theta songs.

The next night Alpha Beta had arranged for that form of entertainment so dear to every girl's heart: a dance. There we met the men of Swarthmore and Philadelphia, and they made the evening a happy one for us by their friendliness and courtesy.

The last night of the series was the best—it was then we were proudest of the fact that we wore the kite. It seems to this one small part of a great organization that never before was there such a banquet. When she looked around the long table and saw all the dear Thetas, love and enthusiasm filled her heart; and when she heard those splendid toasts, a reverence was awakened for our ideals and for the womanly women who represent them, which she wishes might be shared with all Thetas far and near.

ALPHA GAMMA.

A SUCCESSFUL CONTRACT.

In view of the many experiments being made in Pan-Hellenic agreements, and the difficulty of framing practical ones that accomplish anything, the successful working-out of the Stanford contract may be of interest. While every Pan-Hellenic Association has its own problems to face, the sources of the rushing evil are about the same at all colleges, and it may help to know how one Pan-Hellenic has successfully met several difficulties. That splendid faith has been kept by everyone of the six fraternities is the best proof that the contract is practical. While it has a week yet to run at this writing, September 30th, such universal satisfaction has been expressed, and such definite things have been accomplished, it seems evident that the contract will prove in the long run a decided advance.

The aim of the contract is to diminish (1) publicity; (2) strain on both freshmen and fraternity girls; (3) expense. The first two objects have been accomplished to a decided extent; with the third, a good beginning has been made. To the publicity of rushing is due in large measure the feeling of hostility between the fraternity and the non-fraternity elements, and the criticism of faculty and outside people. To reach this the contract provides that there shall be "No rushing on the Quad." That is to say, in the college buildings and arcades there is absolutely no attention paid to freshmen outside of the ordinary courtesies of students. No engagements whatever are made, and no fraternity girl is seen with a freshman during college hours. The freshmen soon came to understand the matter, and embarrassing situations occurred only in the first few days. This provision, definitely stated, "There is to be no calling upon, or walking with, or entertaining, or rushing of freshmen upon class days before 4:30 p. m., and all rushing is to cease not later than 10 p. m. upon all such days, except Fridays," has its result also in the dormitories and on the streets of the

campus and Palo Alto. There is no besieging of the dormitories at noontime, and all the afternoon, by fraternity girls, and the non-fraternity dormitory girls themselves have said there is a great improvement in the attitude of those being rushed toward the old girls, and vice versa. The freshmen have time to form friends; the little tendency to snobbishness, on the one hand, is being done away with, and the reserve of the non-fraternity girls, on the other, is lessened. Another provision touching this point is that freshmen are not to be escorted unnecessarily in public. This means they are not taken to football practice, games, student assemblies, church or college entertainments. A very important phase of lessening publicity is due to the provision that no entertaining for freshmen shall include men. The stopping of this source of gossip, and the keeping of rushing matters very close, has had a marked effect. It is no longer an open secret who is being rushed, and what is going on. Even we scarcely know what our neighbors are doing, and the men have no information on which to make up betting lists.

The plan of leaving free from rushing the seven college hours of the day has lessened very noticeably the inevitable strain of the rushing season. Above all, the freshmen have uninterrupted time for recitations and study—seven hours in which there is little to do but study. The fraternity girls have the same privilege to take advantage of and there is little cause or disposition to slight university work, or fall behind. While the amount of time spent in rushing is probably just as great as formerly, the present division of hours is more satisfactory and time is used to much better advantage.

The contract is practically six weeks long. The restrictions, of which only the important ones are mentioned here, are rather severe, and radical. It may prove that radical measures are the only means of solving our problem.

PHI.

THE GIRLS WE DO NOT TAKE.

Rushing week is over and out of the twenty or more girls whom we have entertained, five or six have been chosen to be Thetas. What becomes of the others? Some of them, of course, join other fraternities, but what about those who were "just impossible"? In the busy days which follow rushing, when we are all settling down to work, in the excitement of initiating and entertaining for our freshmen, how many of us stop to think of the girls whom "we did not take?" Some one probably speaks of the matter in fraternity meeting, and a few scattering calls are made. But the freshman who is dropped realizes only that the girls who were so friendly, who helped her through the first hard weeks away from home and whom she looked forward to having as friends do not come to see her, nor do they invite her to any more jolly "spreads" or parties.

Does it not seem too bad that our fraternity should have to answer for being directly the cause of a single heartache? Can we not, by taking a little thought and pains avoid this altogether?

RUTH GOE, *Psi*.

IMPRESSIONS OF THE FOURTH INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE.

For the three veteran members of the Conference, it was a proud and happy moment when the gavel fell on September 15 to open the Fourth Inter-Sorosity Conference. Our first emotion was surprise that we had grown to such a sizable and cosmopolitan assembly. Eleven delegates were present, coming from New York, Detroit, Springfield, Arkansas, St. Paul and Chicago. Petitions were read from five other sororities who are knocking at the door for admission. As we looked around the cheerful parlor of the Victoria Hotel, our thoughts reverted to the first Conference, held three years before, when we met informally around a table in a small, low room of the Columbus Safety

Deposit vaults. Our feeling of importance was also increased by the band of greedy reporters who were hovering around, trying to pick up a few crumbs of news for the daily press. It is evident that many people are curiously watching the deliberations of the Inter-Sorority Conference, with either skeptical or optimistic opinions concerning our future existence.

It was a dignified, earnest group of women which assembled this year to represent the sororities, and the similarity of our aims and ideals was apparent from first to last. The unanimity of the Conference on almost all of the questions discussed was especially gratifying and encouraging. At times it was hard to realize that we represent so many different interests, and the comfortable home-like feeling that fraternity sisters always have when they meet together, seemed to settle down upon us.

This year marked the first trial of the capital plan adopted at the last Conference, by which the secretary of that Conference remained in office during the year, and presided over the present Conference. Miss Amy Olgen, of Delta Delta Delta, rose grandly to the occasion. She had every detail planned and arranged in the most business-like way. She had corresponded with the Grand Presidents and delegates so that all were instructed in advance concerning the questions on which they would be asked to vote, and she had requested that all inform themselves perfectly regarding the rulings and suggestions of the previous three Conferences. The result was that everybody could enter intelligently into the discussions and the work accomplished by this Conference was consequently broader, more mature, and, I think, more stable than that of the others.

The fourth Conference is certainly not liable to the charge of illegal legislation. It took a firm position on that question, and positively disclaimed any intention to legislate for the sororities on any question.

The unfortunate Michigan complication was fully ex-

plained by Alpha Phi's delegate, who graciously assumed for her fraternity the responsibility of the whole affair and assured us that such a mistake would not again occur. When she had finished her very graceful explanation, it seemed that our compact was strengthened rather than weakened by the trouble.

The idea of having a simple constitution to govern future meetings appealed to all and such a constitution was adopted, subject, of course, to the ratification of all the sororities.

The action concerning Gamma Phi Beta's peculiar attitude towards the Conference is so clearly explained in the official report of the Conference that comment is unnecessary. It is a manifest truth that each and every sorority represented in the Conference must co-operate in all departments of our activity. Otherwise all Inter-Sorority legislation would be completely blocked, because a unanimous vote is necessary in order to carry any measure. It is hoped that at the convention which meets early in November Gamma Phi Beta will reconsider her evidently hasty action, and that the future existence of the Conference with a full representation of the sororities will be thus assured.

A little explanation may not be amiss concerning the last recommendation of the Conference. It seems that missing sorority pins are sometimes seen in pawn shops or in the possession of persons who have clearly no right to them. In that case, the finder is requested to buy the pin from its possessor and send it to the sorority of which it is the symbol. The sorority interested will be most happy to redeem it and very grateful to the thoughtful friend who makes it possible to do so.

It is impossible to close this talk without referring to the loyal support Kappa Alpha Theta has always given to the Conference. Her policy is clearly expressed in the constitution adopted at this Conference; most of its provisions were unanimously adopted at our last Convention in Philadelphia. We hope that the Pan-Hellenic Associations will

stand individually as firmly as they did collectively, that in spite of discouragements and temporary embarrassment they will look hopefully to the future with the faith that will eventually bring all our trials to a happy issue. The future of the whole movement rests largely with the Pan-Hellenic organizations.

LAURA H. NORTON.

REPORT OF FOURTH INTER-SORORITY CONFERENCE.

The Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference was called by Delta Delta Delta in Chicago, at the Victoria Hotel, the afternoon of Friday, September 15, 1905. An all-day session followed Saturday. Eleven Sororities were represented, as follows:

Kappa Alpha ThetaMrs. Laura H. Norton, Chicago
Delta GammaMiss Elizabeth Williams, Chicago
Kappa Kappa Gamma....Miss Cleora C. Wheeler, St. Paul
Pi Beta Phi.....Miss Elizabeth Gamble, Detroit
Alpha PhiMrs. William Forsythe, Chicago
Gamma Phi BetaMiss Lillian W. Thompson, Chicago
Alpha Chi OmegaMrs. Richard Tennant, New York
Delta Delta DeltaMiss Amy H. Olgen, Chicago
Alpha Xi DeltaMrs. Robert Leib, Springfield, Ill.
Chi OmegaMrs. A. H. Purdue, Fayetteville, Ark.
Alpha Omicron PiMiss Jeannette Wicks, New York

It was moved and carried that the ruling of the last Conference in regard to holding of office hold good, and that Miss Olgen, of Delta Delta Delta, act as chairman, and Mrs. Leib, of Alpha Xi Delta, as secretary of the Conference. It was suggested that delegates to the next Conference bring credentials.

Reading of the minutes of the Third Conference. Report of the Secretary for the past year was read, and her recommendations to the Conference followed. It was moved and carried that the report with recommendations be filed. The expense account kept by Miss Olgen was referred to the

secretary, and upon being verified was accepted. Reports of delegates followed: Miss Gamble, for Pi Beta Phi; Mrs. Norton for Kappa Alpha Theta; Miss Wheeler for Kappa Kappa Gamma; Mrs. Forsythe for Alpha Phi; Miss Shepherd, alternate delegate, for Delta Gamma; Miss Thompson for Gamma Phi Beta; Mrs. Tennant for Alpha Chi Omega; Mrs. Leib for Alpha Xi Delta; Mrs. Purdue for Chi Omega. Word from the Grand President of the Sigma Kappa was read by Miss Olgen, Miss Wicks for Alpha Omicron Pi, and Miss Olgen for Delta Delta Delta.

These reports included the attitude of the fraternity on motions already passed, convention action having bearing upon the Conference, complaints and recommendations to the Conference. Petitions from five sororities seeking admission to the Conference were read. A motion was made that no sorority having less than five chapters or that has a single chapter in a school below collegiate rank be admitted to the Conference. The motion carried, and consequently the Conference will not be enlarged this year.

The second session was devoted to the consideration and formation of a simple working constitution to simplify the business of the Conference and the work of the Conference secretary.

It was moved and carried to frame a constitution to be approved by the Grand Presidents of the sororities represented in the Conference, and to go into effect when each Grand President has approved. The constitution was presented as follows:

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

The name of this organization shall be the Inter-Sorority Conference.

ARTICLE II.

OBJECT.

The object of the Inter-Sorority Conference shall be to

improve the methods of rushing and pledging and to consider questions of general interest to the Sorority world.

ARTICLE III.

ELIGIBILITY TO MEMBERSHIP.

No Sorority shall be admitted to the Conference which has less than five chapters or which has any chapter in an institution below collegiate rank.

ARTICLE IV.

ORGANIZATION.

It shall be composed of one delegate from each national Sorority represented.

ARTICLE V.

MEETINGS.

It shall assemble annually, time and place of the following meeting to be arranged each year.

ARTICLE VI.

CALLING OF MEETINGS.

Section 1. It shall be called by the Sororities in rotation.

Sec. 2. The delegate from the Sorority calling the Conference shall act as chairman, and the delegate from the Sorority next in order shall act as secretary of the Conference, and shall continue in office until she calls the next Conference.

ARTICLE VII.

POWERS.

The powers of this organization shall be two-fold: first, to propose legislation to the Sororities; second, to act as a standing court of appeal to settle local difficulties reported to it by the Sororities or Pan-Hellenic Associations.

ARTICLE VIII.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

Section 1. Chairman. The chairman shall preside at the meetings.

Sec. 2. Secretary. The secretary shall keep the minutes.

1. She shall send reports of the Conference, within one week after adjournment, to the members of the Conference, and to all Grand Secretaries of the Sororities represented in the Conference for distribution to chapters and officers of their Sororities.

2. She shall issue questions proposed by the Conference to the Grand Secretaries for presentation to their Sororities and shall, upon receipt of the result, send notice of same to all Grand Secretaries.

3. She shall prepare the program of the Conference meeting, and instructions to delegates, and shall issue the call for the meeting.

4. She shall have power on application from any Pan-Hellenic Association to appoint a member of the Conference whose Sorority interests are not involved in the question at issue, to investigate and arbitrate any difficulty arising in the Pan-Hellenic. Expenses of the one sent to be paid by the local Pan-Hellenic.

ARTICLE IX.

METHODS OF PROCEDURE.

Section 1. Actions of Inter-Sorority interest passed by any Grand Council or at any Grand Convention shall be reported at once to the Secretary of the Conference, and also to the Grand Secretary of each Sorority represented in the Conference.

Sec. 2. Suggestions offered by the Conference shall be submitted as soon as possible by the Secretary to all the Grand Secretaries of the Sororities represented in the Conference. Voting blanks will be sent for all motions submitted to the Sororities and the result of the vote announced by each Grand Secretary to the Secretary of the Conference within two months.

Sec. 3. The Conference Secretary shall then announce the result to all Grand Councils and Chapters. The motions that have received a unanimous vote of all the Sororities shall at once become binding upon all Chapters, the

Grand Councils being responsible for the observance.

ARTICLE X.

LEGISLATION.

Legislation enacted by a Sorority at the suggestion of the Conference can be repealed or modified only by formal action of the Sororities, who must follow the regular order of procedure. Legislation cannot be changed by any one Sorority or by the Inter-Sorority Conference.

ARTICLE XI.

EXPENSE.

The expenses of the Conference shall be divided equally among the Sororities represented at the Conference.

These articles were all approved by the Conference. The delegates took luncheon together, and the afternoon session convened for a consideration of new business. The stand taken by Gamma Phi Beta was discussed and well considered, and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that her action in refusing to co-operate in national rules for rushing and bidding, while willing to do so in the Social Service and other departments of the work, was ill-considered and hasty. The honorable action of Gamma Phi Beta in giving due notice of her withdrawal from the compact was commended. The sense of the Conference was that although Gamma Phi Beta has withdrawn from the Inter-Sorority compact, the compact is still binding on all Sororities in the Inter-Sorority Conference until after the coming convention of Gamma Phi Beta. It is hoped that this state of things will be remedied, and a motion was made and carried that a strong appeal be made to the convention of Gamma Phi Beta, urging the Sorority to co-operate fully with the Conference and that this appeal be made through the presiding officer of the Conference and the Grand Presidents of the Sororities. Moved and carried, that in case any compact is broken in any institution by any Chapter of a Sorority, the other Chapters be not bound. Moved and carried

that in case any Sorority grants dispensation to one of its Chapters, that the agreement be no longer binding on the other Chapters at that institution.

A petition from the Michigan Pan-Hellenic Association to allow pledging of non-matriculantes was read. It is the feeling of the Conference that this petition should be granted on account of the peculiar conditions at Ann Arbor. Moved and carried to submit the petition to the Grand Presidents with the advice that it be granted.

The settling of the question of calling the Conference was next considered, and it was decided to proceed in rotation according to the ruling of the last Conference, and then go back to the beginning of the list. Therefore, Alpha Xi Delta will call the next Conference and Chi Omega will act as secretary.

In order to facilitate the business of the Conference and to insure the best possible understanding of our position and aims at the various Sorority conventions, it is suggested that the delegates to the Conference be, as far as possible, members of the Grand Councils of the Sororities.

It was decided that the Fifth Conference be called in Chicago the Friday afternoon and Saturday of September, 1906, coming nearest the middle of the month. The Social Service Work of the Conference was considered at this time. It was moved to accept the printed reports of Mrs. E. Jean Nelson-Penfield and Miss Lillian Thompson, and that they receive the thanks of the Conference for their splendid work. Motion carried. Mrs. Penfield's report on securing the co-operation of college men in the formation of Social Service Leagues was read, as follows:
To the Chairman of the Conference of 1905:

At the last Inter-Sorority Conference a Social Service Committee was formed through which three lines of investigation were to be undertaken. As a committee we had one meeting and, as before reported, at this time the work was arranged. You have received the excellent report of Miss

Thompson, Gamma Phi Beta; Miss Telling, Delta Gamma, is to report at the Conference this month, and so it but remains for me to report on the possible co-operation of fraternity men.

In the 64 colleges in which the Sororities of the Conference are located, we find 38 national, 11 local and 13 professional men's fraternities. We are associated with many of these in only one or two institutions, but there are 20 with which we come more often in contact. The following are the number of Chapters these men's fraternities have in the 64 colleges: Phi Delta Theta, 31; Beta Theta Pi, 29; Sigma Chi, 24; Sigma Alpha Epsilon, 24; Delta Tau Delta, 23; Kappa Sigma, 23; Phi Gamma Delta, 22; Sigma Nu, 21; Phi Kappa Psi, 20; Alpha Tau Omega, 20; Delta Kappa Epsilon, 13; Delta Upsilon, 12; Kappa Alpha, 8; Chi Psi, 7; Psi Upsilon, 7; Phi Kappa Sigma, 6; Theta Delta Chi, 6; Sigma Psi, 5; Chi Phi, 4; Alpha Delta Phi, 4.

Letters and Inter-Sorority Conference reports were sent to the Presidents of these fraternities. From some no response was received, but from many letters were received expressing a spirit of appreciation and accord with the suggestions of the Conference, which convinced me that should our Sororities take up the formation of these Leagues (or similar work), as recommended by the Conference, we should find practical support from the men's fraternities. Stated in such general terms, this support seems intangible, but, as one president said to me (he was so much interested in the thought as to seek a personal interview), "the support of the men's fraternities will become actual and specific when the demand for it is made evident in local situations." One president pointed out the fact that interest in such work depends upon the man at the head of the fraternity at the time. Others seemed to think that, as men's fraternities always seek to foster the ideal in their men, any worthy appeal would find a ready response. One president suggested that where special changes were needed, resident alumni of

influence and standing be quietly interested. A quiet word to the officers of the various fraternities by those interested in establishing these Leagues was also suggested. In the mind of your chairman, it all resolves itself to a faithful study of local conditions and an intelligent and tactful reaching out for the right influences—depending upon Deans of Women, faculty and also resident alumni and alumnae for advice.

As it has been suggested that where this work is undertaken it be done by the president of the Sorority first established at each college, it will be of interest to state here the colleges for which each Sorority would be responsible. This order of founding does not recognize the first date of organization where there has been a revival of an old Chapter, and considers only living Chapters:

Chi Omega: University of Mississippi, Randolph, Macon, Col.; South West Baptist University; University of Tennessee; University of Arkansas, and University of Kentucky.

Gamma Phi Beta: University of Michigan, University of Washington.

Alpha Phi: Northwestern University and Syracuse University.

Delta Gamma: Mt. Union College, Albion College and Woman's College, Baltimore.

Alpha Xi Delta: Wittenberg University, University of South Dakota; University of West Virginia and Bethany College.

Alpha Chi Omega: New England Conservatory and Pennsylvania College of Music.

Kappa Kappa Gamma: University of Minnesota, University of Missouri, University of Nebraska, Ohio State University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Wisconsin, Adrian College, Boston University, Barnard College, Buchtel College, Butler College, Hillsdale College, Adelphi College, Illinois Wesleyan University.

Kappa Alpha Theta: Swarthmore College, Vermont University, Vanderbilt University, Brown University (at Brown Delta Sigma, which has three other chapters, exists, and was first, but is not in the Conference), Cornell University, University of California, Wooster College, Toronto College, DePauw University, Alleghany College, University of Indiana and Leland Stanford University.

Pi Beta Phi: Ohio University, Simpson College, University of Texas, Tulane University, Bucknell University, University of Colorado, Columbian University, Denver University, Dickinson College, Franklin College, University of Illinois, University of Iowa, Iowa Wesleyan, University of Kansas, Knox College, Lombard College and Middlebury College.

Delta Delta Delta: St. Lawrence University, Wesleyan University, Baker University, Cincinnati College.

Sigma Kappa: Colby College.

Respectfully submitted,

E. JEAN NELSON-PENFIELD,

September, 1905.

Chairman.

The Conference urges that these Social Service Leagues be formed wherever practicable. The three already formed at the Universities of Illinois, Colorado and Michigan are doing good work. After hearing Miss Thompson's report on the legislation now in force in colleges where Women's Leagues, Women's Dormitories and Sorority Houses exist, the Conference feels that there are grave social evils in colleges to be remedied, and recommends that the Pan-Hellenics and Women's Leagues do all they can to remedy these evils.

Other recommendations by the Conference are:

1. That the Secretary of the Conference be sent copies of all the Sorority journals.
2. That all Sorority journal editors be requested to send exchanges to officers of other Sororities and to all Chapters in colleges where the respective Sororities are represented.

3. That each editor send a complete list of names and addresses of officers and chapter secretaries to all other editors at the beginning of the college year.

4. That each Grand Secretary send to the Conference Secretary revised lists of Chapter rolls and officers to facilitate her work.

It is also recommended as a matter of Inter-Sorority courtesy that any Sorority member be empowered to purchase the pin of any Sorority found and be reimbursed for it.

In closing the Conference urges greater co-operation in the Pan-Hellenic Associations and Women's Leagues through the year.

ELLA B. BOSTON-LEIB,
Secretary Fourth Inter-Sorority Conference.

MARY ROSS POTTER.

Tau chapter is glad to welcome as an alumna of both the University and the chapter, the new Dean of Women at Northwestern, Mary Ross Potter. Miss Potter comes to the college splendidly equipped in every way for her new work. The first three years of her college course were spent at Illinois Wesleyan University, where her father had the professorship of Physics. Her teaching experience began at the Illinois State Normal School in the department of languages, in 1893, the year after her graduation from Northwestern.

When John Cook was appointed to the presidency of the Northern Illinois State Normal School at De Kalb, he took Miss Potter as head of the department of languages. Here she was also given the supervision of the young women of the institution and here she began to reveal the versatility of her nature in proving more than equal to the demands upon her from the teaching side, the executive side, and above all, and highest, from the womanly side.

In 1897, Miss Potter took her master's degree at Boston University in Comparative Philology. In the midst of her busy career she has also found time to become proficient in music. She comes to Evanston after a year of travel and study in Europe, ready to give the best of a deep and rich experience to the young women of the college, who are under her. They, as well as Tau chapter, are to be congratulated that such a representative of our best womanhood, as is Miss Potter, has come to them.

MARY E. GLOSS,
Tau, '92.



MARY ROSS POTTER

INSTALLATION OF PRESIDENT E. J. JAMES, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

One of the most interesting events which can take place in the history of any college or university, will occur this fall at the University of Illinois, when Mr. E. J. James will be installed as the new President. The installation is being planned not merely with a view to imposing effect, but with a view to results, both of the extensive and intensive kind. Hundreds of invitations have been issued to civil officials, and to those well known in business, as well as in religious and educational lines. Representatives are to be present from many foreign universities, even from as far in the orient as the University at Madras, India.

The exercises begin on Sunday, October fifteenth, and last through Friday, October twentieth. On Sunday afternoon, Dr. McClure, of McCormick Theological Seminary, will preach. On Monday afternoon takes place the dedication of the new Woman's Hall, when Lillian W. Johnson, president of the Western College for Women, will make the dedicatory address. An informal reception and inspection of the building will follow these exercises. In the evening one of the most important addresses of the week will be given, Dr. Gunsaulus, of Armour Institute, speaking on the "Heroism of Scholarship."

The session Tuesday morning, when various prominent political men of the state will speak on the important and timely subject, "The Relation of the State to Higher Education," gives an index to the spirit and scope of the exercises as a whole. The same subject will be resumed in the afternoon in the address of General John A. Watson, Commissary General of the United States Army. In the afternoon also occurs the first session of the National Conference of College and University Trustees, the initial address being made by Dr. Draper, former president of the University, and now Commissioner of Education in New York. The evening's program differs slightly from those preced-

ing, there being a presentation of one of Robert Greene's plays by members of the University.

Wednesday is Installation Day proper. In response to the roll call of delegates short addresses will be made by noted and revered educators throughout the country. In the afternoon the imposing academic procession of silken cap and gown leads to the Armory, where the formal inaugural ceremonies take place. The inaugural address and conferring of degrees by the new president will be preceded by short addresses by the Governor of Illinois and Commissioner Draper. In the evening the students join in a torchlight procession in honor of the newly installed President, after which occurs the official reception to guests and delegates.

On Thursday, assemblies of the various colleges comprising the University are to be held with addresses by distinguished specialists in Law, Science, Literature, Engineering and Agriculture. Conference on the Religious Education at State Universities and on Commercial Education begin on Thursday and continue through Friday, the last day of the exercises.

Besides this formal program there will be another and very characteristic one, comprising band concerts and singing on the campus, football games and other celebrations expressive of student life. Classes will be suspended during the last four days in order that all may attend the ceremonies, and special trains will be run from Chicago on Installaton Day.

The whole program is therefore not only of rare significance to the University of Illinois, but is of deep and vital significance to the vast educational interests of our own country and others.

HELEN BULLARD,
Delta.

CONVENTION AFTERMATH.

The Baby Chapter's Prattle.

"The Sixteenth Biennial Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta." What a world of meaning lies in those words for every Theta member, new and old! But perhaps they mean more to us—the Baby chapter—than to others, for was not this our first Convention? Did it not prove to be the entrance into a new world—a world of untold mysteries and delights; a world of new and faithful friends; of good impulses and lofty aims?

It is difficult to picture the excitement and enthusiasm of a dozen Toronto University women, when the good word came that we were accepted into Kappa Alpha Theta, and were requested to come in a body to the Convention at Philadelphia, of which our initiation would be one of the important features.

It was a never-to-be-forgotten morning when we assembled in solemn conclave to discuss for the first time ways and means of sending a respectable delegation to the Quaker City for the first week of July. What scheming and rearranging of summer plans! What noble renouncing of new gowns and trinkets, for the sake of the cause! What curiosity and wild surmises about everything, from the looks of our many sisters-to-be, to the great and hidden mysteries of Kappa Alpha Theta!

Fortunately, the powers that were proved kind, and seven eager girls left Toronto on the afternoon of July 2nd, followed by the envious regrets and good wishes of the other six, who for various reasons could not be of the party. And what a joy and inspiration that whole trip was (not lessened at all by our missing the Reception Committee, and having to find our unassisted way to the hotel) from the moment we reached the Reading Terminal till we found ourselves once more back in Toronto bubbling over with delight and longing to see the less fortunate stay-at-homes.

No wonder American college girls have such a reputation for tact and charm of manner! From the first, we unanimously decided it is well earned, as one and all the members of Theta made haste to welcome us and received us, literally and otherwise, with open arms. The older members were especially delighted over the re-entrance of Theta into Toronto University, while young and old, seemed joyfully eager to greet their new Canadian sisters.

Naturally the great event to which we looked forward was the installation of Sigma chapter. Till that ceremony had taken place, we were merely "Thetas-to-be," so, in spite of secret, vague fears, we rejoiced to learn that our initiation at Swarthmore was planned for the first evening. We shall always think of the two together, the Quaker College of Pennsylvania, with its quaint, almost severe, buildings in the proper setting of trees, and our initiation ceremony, when we were formally and impressively received into the mystic sisterhood—a memory that can never fade.

Then came our first session, when the delegate from Sigma Chapter, displaying large note book and very anxious expression, took her seat among her sister delegates, while the six, proud and excited, sat at the back of the hall, all ears and eyes. The splendidly efficient manner in which the meetings were conducted and the ability with which each delegate presented the views of her chapter, struck us especially, even more than the subjects under discussion, for naturally we were in the kindergarten class in regard to nearly everything, although before Convention week closed we had become quite versed in things ritualistic and constitutional.

The four days passed all too quickly, each day increasing our joy over our good fortune, and giving us truer insight into the aims and *raison d'être* of our fraternity. The jolly afternoon and evening at Swarthmore on the Fourth, and the dance at the hotel the next evening proved what charming hostesses the Alpha Beta girls could be; but the banquet

which brought Convention to a close was to us the particular star in a week very full of bright things. As we looked down the long tables surrounded by happy faces, heard the merry chatter interrupted now and again by a Theta song, noted the vim with which each chapter gave her Alma Mater's yell or call, and then immediately afterward, the ease and force with which the toasts were proposed and responded to, is it any wonder that our hearts beat faster at the thought of being a part of it all, or that a vow was registered then and there, that we would do our part to make Sigma Chapter a credit to our sisterhood, and the Sixteenth Biennial Convention a memorable one in the annals of Kappa Alpha Theta?

Great and manifold are the joys of Convention—but we must say as did Uncle Sandy's passengers to Sleepy Hollow,

"They smile and look wise,
And always advise
'Take the trip and find out for yourself.'"

RUTH BERTRAM,
Sigma.

The Convention as an Incentive to True Fraternity Spirit in a New Chapter.

With the memory of those happy, happy days at Philadelphia, of the charming hospitality and loving kindness of her Theta sisters, Alpha Eta is fully impressed for the first time with the real significance of a Convention as an incentive to a national fraternity spirit. Most of us have been Thetas now for at least twelve months, twelve beautiful months, too, during which we have come to a realization and a full appreciation of the happiness derived from the close associations, the sharing of interests and ideals within a college chapter. We have come to recognize the importance of our chapter as a unit, but it remained for Convention to inspire us with the real meaning of our fraternity as an organization and to give us a broader understanding of what

our fraternity ideals mean to every girl who wears a kite.

Our northern sisters, of course, remember their first Convention—the unbounded enthusiasm inspired by the pressure of other Theta hands than those of their own chapter, by the kind hospitality shown them, by the sisterly relation arising from a common interest. Yes, your enthusiasm was unbounded, but I doubt if you can have felt exactly what Alpha Eta felt, or if you can quite realize what an influence that week has had upon the Theta spirit of our chapter. We had hoped that already we had found the true essence of Alpha Eta spirit—had learned to keep our individual interests in the background for the sake of our chapter—but we had not as yet found the true essence of Theta spirit. We did not have the conception of “fraternity” in its broadest sense; our chapter was all in all to us.

Nor was this strange. With the exception of Texas we are the most southern of Theta chapters, and are somewhat cut off from the rest. In the north not only at Convention, but all the year, each Theta feels that there is always a probability of meeting in her travels some one of her Theta sisters from another college; and she does meet them, too, and forms acquaintances and friendships which with us would be impossible, as few Thetas travel so far south. Before the last Convention none of us had ever given the grip to more than one or two Thetas outside our chapter. It is not strange, therefore, that until this time Alpha Eta had not fully realized the deeper significance of Kappa Alpha Theta. It is not strange that the warm welcome and the kind attentions of the Alpha Beta girls, the splendidly conducted business sessions, the love and devotion to Kappa Alpha Theta evidenced by our officers and by every girl from every chapter, the impressive service of the installation of the Toronto chapter, the singing of our national songs, and, above all, the mingling with other chapters of our fraternity—that all of this should have meant so much to Alpha Eta, that it should have inspired us with strong en-

thusiasm, and have given a deeper, more sacred meaning to our relation in Kappa Alpha Theta. It has put the general fraternity interests before those of our chapter in our hearts. It has in fact discovered for us the essence of true, loyal Kappa Alpha Theta spirit.

The advantages derived from attendance at Convention of each and every member of a new chapter cannot be overestimated. Chapter spirit does and should mean much to us, but Theta spirit—fraternity spirit in the broadest conception of the term—means much more, and there is no incentive to this spirit so great as our Biennial Convention. To this last one Alpha Eta owes deep and lasting gratitude for a broader, sweeter, more sacred conception of her duty to Kappa Alpha Theta.

KATIE GUILL.

Texas Impressions.

Alpha Theta had completely lost its Greek distinction in that of being "Texas." Hence, it was rather in fear and trembling that its first representatives were sent to Convention. Having been convinced by all outsiders that we were different from other Americans, and that we were expected to come with at least figurative six-shooters, we were almost determined to find it so. Our first entrance to a grand "Yip-you," a Texas call, somewhat justified us. Soon, however, we decided to look about for those things in which other people differed from us, thus preventing one-sided opinions. Many invitations were delivered to us to "talk southern," but we never sufficiently raised our spirit of bravado to ask others to "talk eastern." And yet, we really did not recognize the name of our fraternity when we had a chance easterner refer to "Kapper Alpher Theter."

We have been wondering if other chapters have been tried in their attempts to break their delegates of the habit of exclaiming whenever they rise, "Members of the Grand Council and the Sixteenth Biennial Convention." And do they close all discussions with a "Respectfully submitted"?

Even in the peace and quiet of our own rooms we often imagine a "Step lively there," and we are still looking for porches and squares rather than galleries and blocks. Moreover, the habit is yet strong upon us of giving our two lectures on "Whether Texas is Western or Southern," and "The Chief Differences Between the North and the South."

But in spite of all these things, even in spite of the memories of the unknown "Paul Jones," our Convention memories are not all funny. The lasting impression was that of a group of loyal girls and women, earnest but jolly, reserved and conservative, yet universally friendly, a group which has made us even more proud to bear the name of "Kappa Alpha Theta."

"The Theta Type."

Many grand, inspiring thoughts were uttered at our Convention last July, but probably each woman there remembers some one saying that especially pleased her. The one thing that I personally recall with the most pleasure may seem to many very trivial. It was not heard at any of the regular Convention sessions, and, furthermore, I do not even know who said it, to whom it was spoken, nor even the exact words in which the idea was expressed. A comment was made by a guest at the dance that every girl there that evening seemed to him to be of one and the same fine type. Now, is it not a very great encouragement to think that we are even so slightly approaching our Theta ideals that girls from north and south and east and west who are all striving their uttermost toward those self-same ideals, have so far attained them that a person meeting a number of Thetas from all parts of the land in a very casual and superficial manner, should yet recognize a general type of womanhood? To me this little remark seems to speak volumes for Kappa Alpha Theta's success.

ALPHA EPSILON.

The Delegates.

There were many lessons to be learned at Convention and much to be realized, but nothing made a deeper impression upon my mind than the character, the enthusiasm, and the whole-souled interest of those to whom the legislation of the fraternity was entrusted.

The delegates themselves were the best evidence of the uniform strength of the chapters. They evinced a maturity of thought and breadth of ideas that speaks well indeed for the large outlook to be gained from college training. The enthusiastic spirit in which they took up the work of Convention showed the determination of all to serve their chapter and the fraternity to the very best of their ability. The attitude of the delegates toward one another was admirable; each was frank and absolutely honest and she expected frankness and absolute honesty from others. Nor was she disappointed.

CLARA LOUISE CARSON,
Chi, 1906.

The Delegate's Return.

When we returned from Convention, letters arrived in every mail asking eagerly for news, but they contained a small part of the questions which came in volleys when we gathered in the fall. The delegate was expected to know everything from the revisions in the ritual and constitution down to the dresses which different girls wore. She must be authority on every subject, for had she not heard this or that matter discussed at Convention? I wonder if any delegate could give her chapter an accurate account of the changes and rulings even which immediately affect it! and what a difficult task a delegate assumes when she tries to make the dozen girls in her chapter feel the inspiration she received from the four days intimate association with the members of the Grand Council and chapter delegates! Her best attempt can impart but little, and she can only hope that others of her chapter may at some time receive the same

benefit in meeting the noble women who gather for the
Kappa Alpha Theta Convention MU.

The Broader View After Convention.

"The benefits of affection are immense; and the one event which never loses its romance, is the encounter with superior persons on terms allowing the happiest intercourse." The truth of these words of Emerson was fully tested during the meeting at Philadelphia. To all who joined in its pleasures that week will remain an event of never-fading romance, when that splendid old city of "Brotherly Love" extended a hand of welcome to Thetas far and near with all the warmth and cordiality that its name implies.

The real aim and object of Convention is, as it should be, the seeking for greater breadth and nobler ideals. This last Convention has been especially broadening, as it marks the joining in sisterhood of the "daughters of the king" with the American girl. The installation ceremony of the Toronto chapter could not fail to touch the hearts of all Thetas, and it is with exceptional feelings of tenderness and cordiality that we welcome our new sisters. We believe that there will be mutual benefit, from this extension of Kappa Alpha Theta influence.

The importance of having representatives in all parts of the country is best appreciated at Convention, from which the delegate returns to tell her chapter what is being done to build up Theta in Texas, California, New York, and now in Canada. Every official delegate takes back to her chapter a report of the business acts of the Convention, but that which is of more value still, she takes back a new understanding of what the fraternity stands for and what may be expected of this republic of sororities.

PL.

Help of Convention to Beta.

Never until this year has Beta chapter fully realized just how much Convention may mean to our individual chapters. Never has a Convention meant so much in the way of direct help and of inspiration as the one at Philadelphia in 1905.

Beta surely can testify what an advantage it is to have our national as well as chapter pride aroused. The very enthusiastic report which our delegate brought home, fanned our enthusiasm into flame, and we went to work with a zeal which has swept everything before it. Of course, it is too early in the year to be entirely confident of success in all lines, but in the rushing and on asking-day which followed the expiration of our ten days' contract, we achieved a more signal success than Theta or any other sorority has achieved here in many years. Many things have, of course, contributed to our victory, but among the chief causes of our success, we place Convention and its influence. It inspired us to unite, to organize, and to work as never before.

We feel that too much emphasis can not be placed on the necessity of sending capable delegates. It is every chapter's duty to obtain, both for its own sake and for that of the fraternity at large, all the inspiration and help that the Convention can give. We feel sure that the influence of the Convention of 1905 will be felt in Beta chapter throughout the year and in all lines of work as gloriously as it has in our rushing season.

BETA.

EDITORIALS.

Greeting

The keynote of all Theta greetings for the past two months has been the joy of reunion. Summer travelers have returned, fresh from the memory of new scenes visited, yet glad with a deeper gladness to greet old friends and take up chapter life. In the same spirit and with the same gladness does the KAPPA ALPHA THETA greet all Thetas.

The Journal, like the Yankee pioneer, has come westward. Its attitude is one of humility, yet it hopes to maintain the high standards set for it in the homes it has recently left, and trusts that the old neighborly relationships may continue even though more milestones intervene.

Convention

This issue is devoted almost exclusively to a review of "The Sixteenth Biennial Convention of Kappa Alpha Theta," with a view to giving to the members of the fraternity at large a summary of the results accomplished. More than a suggestion of the inspiration with which it filled both active participants and non-official visitors, the Editor feels it hopeless to try to give. Those who have attended a Grand Convention never doubt the wisdom of expending the time, money and effort necessary to make the Convention a success. It is, therefore, the duty and privilege of each Theta who had pleasure and profit directly, to share the benefits received with those who could not be present.

Sigma Chapter

Again we have opened our circle to receive a new chapter, and all join in the welcome to Sigma chapter of Toronto. The initiation, which took place at Swarthmore, the first evening, was one of the most impressive events of the entire Convention. The seven girls who were initiated became endeared to us at once through their charming personality

and womanliness and are in every way worthy to hold in their keeping our cherished standards.

Advertisers Will the readers of the Journal give more than a passing glance to the messages of our advertisers? Among them you will see several familiar names, which means that they carry for sale goods that Thetas buy. A few old names have disappeared. Why? Because Thetas did not give them sufficient patronage. This year we have a few new advertisers who are testing our Journal as an advertising medium. Let us prove that it is a good one. The holiday season is approaching, why not let the gifts of one Theta to another be purchased from dealers who take space in our columns? Every dealer is glad to furnish prices and samples to customers outside of his city. To drop a gentle hint, the Editor would like as a New Year's greeting, a letter from each chapter stating the number of purchases the chapter members have made from our advertisers. How many will do it?

Corresponding Editors To the corresponding editors a word seems necessary. Please allow a little more time for mail to reach the North Star state. We have gained a splendid record for punctuality in the past two years, and let us keep it. All material for print must be written on one side of the paper only, which should measure eight by ten inches in size.

Subscriptions A limited number of extra copies of this issue, beyond the number of subscriptions received to date, are in the hands of the Editor. Until this number is exhausted, subscriptions from alumnae and the late initiates will begin with this Convention issue, if subscribers so desire.

CHAPTER LETTERS

Alpha District.

IOTA—CORNELL UNIVERSITY.

Iota is at the present writing back at work with an active chapter of ten members. Since registration day is barely past, and pledging day is four weeks ahead, the story of what happens must wait until the next Journal. However, before proceeding to the news for the fall, we wish to announce what came too late for the spring budget, the election to Phi Beta Kappa of Alice O. Durland and Christiana Busbee, both Iota girls of the class of nineteen hundred and five—all this despite the fact that such scholarly attainments are punished in Iota by requiring the recipients of the key to entertain the chapter in celebration. We are pleased to make known also the engagement of Isabelle G. Robertson, Iota 1902, to Mr. Russell Nevins Thatcher, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

The happiness of reunion this autumn is deepened by the tidings from our chapters brought back by our travelers,—Mrs. Comstock, who tells of the California Thetas; and our convention representatives whose enthusiastic recitals are the best possible substitute for attendance at Philadelphia in person. Moreover, two of the Iota girls have the very pleasantest recollections of a flying visit in Amsterdam this summer with Miss Florence Wilson, of Omega, who expects to spend the following winter in Italy.

Several changes at Ithaca remain to be recorded. We miss from our undergraduate membership this term, Helen J. Woods, Helen L. McFarland and Blanche Walker; the first two are near enough to make us occasional visits, but Miss Walker has journeyed to Los Angeles, California, and

so we must lend her for the present to our Thetas there. Our new Warden, Miss Loomis, of Wellesley and Columbia, has arrived and Cornell women are looking forward to a very successful career with her as mentor. Much to our delight we have a new faculty Theta this year, Mrs. A. W. Smith, whom the western Thetas will know.

In closing we wish all the chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta a happy reunion and a successful season.

ABBIE F. POTTS.

LAMBDA—UNIVERSITY OF VERMONT.

The long summer vacation is now a thing of the past, and the Lambda girls are busily adjusting themselves to work.

Our college has opened under particularly favorable circumstances this year. The entering class is the largest in the history of the University, and the number of girls exceed those of any former class by quite a large per cent.

The different women's fraternities have been rather quiet so far, as our Pan-Hellenic Association has decided to give no social functions during the first three weeks after college opens, in order to give the precedence to Y. W. C. A.

The girls are all anticipating the pleasure of hearing our delegate's report of Convention in the near future. From what we have heard the last meeting of Thetas from east to west must have been a delightful one and there are many of the active girls who have already begun to look forward to the next Convention, when it may be possible for them to attend.

The University is just now looking forward to the formal opening of the Medical College Building, which will take place about the first of December. It has been in the process of construction for over a year and is said to be one of the best of its kind in the country.

Lambda wishes most sincerely that the coming year may be one of greatest happiness and success to Thetas everywhere.

MARY A. MURPHY.

SIGMA—UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO.

Our college year for 1905-06 opened as usual, early in October, under very favorable auspices. The number of Canadian women who take up University work increases amazingly each year and this year's registration of both men and women students, is phenomenal. The provincial legislature, during its last session, gave large grants to the University, as well as making many promises of future generosity. Our longed-for and much-needed Convocation Hall has finally been started, and everything promises well for a most successful year.

We Sigma girls are very proud of our distinction, in being the only members of a national organization in Toronto. The rest of our charter members who could not be with us at Convention, are impatient for the time to come when they, too, may display the Kappa Alpha Theta pin.

The big social event of the early fall is the "Autumn Tea" or reception, which the Women's Literary Society annually give to welcome the freshmen. It is a great day for these young fledgelings, for of course, they are on exhibition, as it were, but this affair usually marks the beginning of many a close friendship, and a real interest in college affairs.

Besides this tea, each class holds a reception to which all the other classes are invited, and much friendly rivalry exists in seeing which class can have the most successful affair. All these social doings, not to mention the interest taken in Rugby and other sports, combine to give lectures, during the fall term, a decidedly secondary position in the minds of the thoughtless young seekers after wisdom, while only an occasional thought of examinations in May comes to mar their enjoyment of college affairs, and our beautiful Canadian autumn.

RUTH BERTRAM.

CHI—SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY.

Another college year has begun, and Chi heartily wishes success and happiness for all her sister chapters! We feel that this year will be filled with prosperity, for we, who were at Philadelphia this summer, are striving to impart to the chapter some of the inspiration we felt in the companionship of Thetas from all parts of our nation and of those splendid women who compose our Council.

The year has begun well for us, for when we out-of-town girls came back to the chapter house, we simply couldn't find a fleck of dust anywhere. Our city girls and chaperone had cleaned from garret to cellar. Several rooms were transformed by fresh paper and new furnishings, and we are again cosily settled in our college home. But we are much disappointed that Harriet Disbrow, '06, and Anastasia Coady, '08, were unable to return. We are looking forward to visits from both before the year is over.

On the eighth of May, Mary E. Blair, '06, won the first prize, amounting to twenty-five dollars, in an oratorical contest for women. She very generously gave this sum toward a fund for a new chapter house.

At the opening of college, Chi was greatly surprised to hear of the announcement of the engagement of Grace N. Baird, '04, to Mr. Roscoe Hersey, '05, who goes to Tien Sien, China, this fall, as a Y. M. C. A. secretary, supported entirely by our University. The marriage will take place in China, next spring, where both will be actively engaged in Christian work.

In the last meeting of our Pan-Hellenic, a six weeks' rushing season was decided upon, so we will soon be able to introduce our pansy buds.

BEULAH B. THROOP.

ALPHA BETA—SWARTHMORE COLLEGE.

While these lovely autumn days are succeeding each other

so generously, and all the countryside is flaunting its gauziest colors in the hot sunshine, we of Alpha Beta heartily wish we could demand a "party call" from every one of you. How we would grip your hands and hurry you off to some nook, where undisturbed, we could feast our eyes upon you, and then confide all our hopes and fears for the coming year.

Only one of last year's number has not returned to College, so our active chapter is made up of eleven enthusiastic workers. And already our Alumnae have commenced to visit us, bringing the advice and comfort that none but the "old girls" can give. Our Pan-Hellenic relations this year make such help especially welcome, since Theta has united with the Dean and faculty of the College in denouncing iron-clad rushing rules. We are earnestly trying to do away with rushing and to maintain a dignified yet cordial attitude to the other sonorities and the new students.

College functions, in the proper sense of the word, have not yet begun. A very informal reception to the freshmen was given by the upper classmen, in Somerville Hall on September 23rd, and served to give us some idea of the girls we can consider as available fraternity material until our late pledge day arrives. We hope then to add more to this little company of Alpha Betas, who sends you all her heartiest greetings.

MARY E. NORTH.

ALPHA DELTA—WOMAN'S COLLEGE OF BALTIMORE.

After a grand vacation, we, of Alpha Delta, are back at College and have already settled down to hard work. It seems strange to us to be without those of our girls who graduated last year, and several who have gone this year to other Colleges. Minnette and Ella Miller have begun their work at the University of California, and Lucile Locke has entered Barnard. So you see we start out as a small band

this term, but with no less determination and purpose on account of our size.

Until last Saturday we did no rushing of the freshmen at all, as the Pan-Hellenic prohibited that for the first week. In fact we are trying to eliminate rushing as far as possible, and I think all of the fraternities here are in the spirit of the movement.

Those of us who attended Convention brought back a store of enthusiasm to last us till next Convention, when we hope to have a larger representation. This year it seemed almost impossible for most of our girls to go to Convention, but we who did go have been trying our best to give the less fortunate ones all the news.

We want to wish a most successful year to every chapter of Kappa Alpha Beta, and especially to our baby chapter in Canada.

CHRISTIE Y. DULANEY.

ALPHA EPSILON—BROWN UNIVERSITY.

We of Alpha Epsilon send glad greetings to our sister chapters and rejoice that we are so soon to hear from them again. This last summer has been a happy one for us, for many reasons. Some of us had the very great privilege of meeting the one hundred and thirty-three Thetas in Philadelphia for the Convention. Others learned to know and love one another better on the annual chapter-house party, for which, this year, eleven Thetas gathered at Little Compton, Rhode Island, the last week in July. There they lived together, getting their own breakfasts and suppers and making up for any slight deficiencies in these by a hotel dinner. It was a happy week, and materially shortened the long summer of separation. Another thing that added to the happiness of Alpha Epsilon's vacation was the short visit that our new Grand President, Mrs. Garrettson, made in Providence, when many of us had the opportunity to meet her.

Fine though our summer was, September twentieth found

us all back, ready for work and anxious to meet the new girls, and especially to meet our new Dean of women, Miss King.

At Brown there is no contract for a rushing season, and so already we are glad to introduce four pledgelings to Theta, Frances Foster, Mabel Guild, Agnes Jonas and Josephine Sackett.

Many Thetas are in or near Providence this year, we hope that they will come to see Alpha Epsilon in her new chapter-room at 14 George street. There we are planning to have many fine times together, and are hoping that we may meet many sister Thetas from away.

HOPE DAVIS.

ALPHA ZETA—BARNARD COLLEGE.

With the heartiness, gained through the personal intercourse and society of Convention days last July, Alpha Zeta sends greetings for the coming year to all chapters of

Alpha Zeta is beginning the fall term not only refreshed by a vacation of rest and pleasure, but also strengthened by the zeal, the broadening influence and the high ideals which seem to signalize the Sixteenth Biennial Convention. Five girls, who were representatives of the chapter in Philadelphia, have returned, each with her varying store of information and ideas. In consequence, we of Alpha Zeta feel especially privileged in being acquainted with many phases of the Convention days.

It has seemed to us that Convention ought to be an unusual incentive, this year, toward the growth of our chapter, both intellectually and socially. We have always known and appreciated the intellectual purpose of the fraternity, but have not fully realized the extent to which it could be fostered by example and association. The admiration, won by the Grand Council in its indefatigable efforts not only at Convention but during its entire administration, would alone

be ample illustration of the mental force and activity that we can emulate in the *alumnæ* members of our fraternity. However, we have abundant proof of the ability and sagacity of the younger Theta sisters in the wise conclusions and decisions which they carried away with them from Convention. Our endeavor, then, this year will be to advance the intellectual standards which the active and *alumnæ* delegates have advocated.

Side by side with the intellectual impetus of Convention, Alpha Zeta has welcomed the influx of ideas and plans that have resulted from the social intercourse and companionship in Philadelphia. Situated as we are at Barnard in New York, where the majority of the students live at home, and where no real dormitory life is possible, we regard the life of Convention days as ideal, and re-echo the sentiment of a delegate who said that the *Normandie* seemed like one big Theta chapter house. Another phase of the social attitude of Convention that has appealed to us strongly is the splendid reports of the college affairs committees. In the field of college activities Alpha Zeta has always been a zealous worker, as we consider that in promoting college interests we are creating a better atmosphere for the maintenance of our chapter.

Always in our many discussions of Convention affairs, we conclude that the success of the whole social scheme was due to the untiring and unceasing efforts of Alpha Beta, through whose cordiality we are indebted not only for the place of Convention, but also for the delightful hospitality of both Philadelphia and Swathmore. Our unsounded thanks and love we know are not unique for our dear little Quaker sisters.

We are most happy in welcoming this fall as an active member, Lucile Locke, Alpha Delta, '07, and as an associate in our work, Bertha Broomell, Alpha Beta, '96,

In concluding, Alpha Zeta extends to all her sisters her

best wishes and especially to Sigma Chapter, who, she knows, has started firmly and loyally from the exceptional advantage that was hers of grasping, as basis, all the inspiration and ideas of Convention.

MURIEL VALENTINE.

Beta District.

ALPHA—DE PAUW UNIVERSITY.

We of Alpha send a hearty greeting and best wishes for a prosperous year to all other chapters of Kappa Alpha Theta. How glad we all are to be back in school and in the chapter-house again! No Theta realizes how dear each sister is to her until she has been separated from her for the summer. The opening of our college year finds us, seventeen in number, rejoicing in our reunion, but regretting that twelve chairs are now vacant and six beloved seniors have left for a broader work on life's way.

Alpha returned this fall with a surprise awaiting her. What a change there was in our chapter-house! The owner has done a great deal toward its improvement and we have every reason to be proud of our home.

College opened on the twenty-first of September with good prospects for Theta. We feel that the active and alumnæ chapters have been drawn closer together in the past year, as was manifested last spring, when the active girls were entertained by the alumnæ at the home of Mrs. Gobin. Their interest and encouragement aids us and we begin our work with new zeal.

This year, great interest is shown in the sororities by professors, students and town people. A contract, very different from any ever used in De Pauw, was drawn up last

spring, by the Pan-Hellenic. Everyone looks upon it as an experiment and all kinds of conjectures are reported as to the outcome. Pledge-day is October eighteenth, making the rushing season last four weeks. Besides this main point in the contract, there are a number of restrictions concerning the number of functions to be given, the use of carriages, personal rushing during study hours, and various other minor things. So far, we have found everything very successful and hope that it is one step toward the ideal way of rushing, for which each Theta is looking.

The first function of the season fell to Theta by lot and we entertained about thirty-five new girls in our chapter-house on Thursday, September twenty-first. The one great difficulty is to choose not the girls, who will make good Thetas, but those who will make the best Thetas from the unusually large number of attractive girls who have entered college. This, as well as the new contract, has made the "spike" very interesting so far.

Let me now close with a welcome to all of Theta's new "pledgelings" and initiates.

MARY E. IBACH.

BETA—INDIANA UNIVERSITY.

When the girls returned this fall, they were welcomed into a new home in Forest Place, in the center of the University Campus. Here, with the most beautiful surroundings and with the new spirit of enthusiasm which our delegates brought with them from the Theta Convention, we started upon a new college year.

Beta Chapter has just emerged from a most strenuous and most successful rushing season and is now settling down to a more prosaic existence. The rushing of this term was controlled by an inter-fraternity contract which lasted for ten days and from which Theta came out with flying colors. Thirteen invitations to membership were tendered and all were accepted; the contract was kept in letter and in spirit

and the dignity of the fraternity was maintained. The compact was an experiment and while under it, success was ours, the general sentiment is for a more extended contract with less complicated rushing.

The term has opened most auspiciously for Indiana. Nine hundred and eighty students have enrolled—an increase of almost one hundred over last year. The new Student Building is to be dedicated Foundation-day, and the contract for the \$100,000 Library Building has just been let.

We have had several visitors among our alumnæ, Bernice Orndorff, Margaret Snodgrass, Mary Snodgrass of Indianapolis, Mrs. Glen Gifford, Tipton and Mrs. Morton Bradley, New York City.

And now that the rush is over, the deluge of work has come and we have settled down with the determination to make Theta first in scholarship as well as in other lines.

Our freshmen who will be Thetas October ninth are:

Lois Perring, Mae Kemp, Gertie Kahn, Ina Cockill, Helen Ryors, Gertrude Stewart and Zella Kinser, Bloomington; Grace Philputt, Carrie Van Deinse, Indianapolis; Ann Bishop, Shelbyville; Ruth Keltner, Anderson; Irma Corb, New Albany, and Hazel Mowers, Rushville.

MAYME SWINDLER.

EPSILON—WOOSTER UNIVERSITY.

Wooster U, once more, bids every Theta welcome, and we are sure it is a good omen for our future welfare. Rushing season is most exciting, but on account of faculty rules, we can announce to you, no pledgelings. However, we feel very much encouraged, and are very proud when we say, "The Kappa Kappa Gammas have a house, but so far it has not affected unfavorably Epsilon chapter of Kappa Alpha Theta."

What we have gained has meant hard work, for we lost three of our members this year, Hazel Kerr Emery, Kenton,

Ohio, on account of the sad death of her mother; Florence Clarke Frazier, Zanesville, Ohio, and Mary Hickok, Wooster, Ohio.

The latter is teaching mathematics in the Normal Collegiate Institute, Asheville, North Carolina. Although Wooster life is her preference, she finds her work very pleasant.

A rushing party was given at the home of Frances E. Kauke's September eighteenth, at which a large number of our alumnæ were present. Also, a dainty breakfast was served, September sixteenth, at the Frontenac. The tables were beautifully decorated, with pink and white asters, and of course we had lots of good things to eat.

One of the most interesting features of our rushing season, was a picnic given at the Agricultural Station of Ohio, an event which bids fair to be an annual occurrence.

Ruth Bogardus, Mt. Vernon, Ohio, and Cecelia Remy, Mansfield, Ohio, two of our alumnæ, have been visiting in Wooster for the past two weeks, and have entertained us with many pleasant stories of "Theta Times" in past years.

We are now anxiously awaiting the December Journal's issue, when we hope to announce our secrets. Until then, best wishes to every chapter, from Epsilon.

MARGARET MASON POMEROY.

ETA—UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN.

The girls of Eta chapter are settled once more in their Ann Arbor home and are anticipating a happy and prosperous year. While the fine weather lasts they are enjoying as much as possible the beautiful drives, walks and boat-rides which the country and river afford.

At frequent intervals during the long vacation, there were gatherings for picnics and camping parties at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, Silver and Cavanaugh Lakes, and Belle Isle Park, Michigan, so that college enthusiasm was kept up all through the summer months.

Rushing season, which was certainly not less exciting than usual, was a most fortunate one for Eta. Elizabeth Dean, who was pledged some time ago will be with us this year and three more fine freshmen who are wearing the black and gold are Grace Callahan, Jean Goudie, and Mary Jane Haskin. Mrs. W. B. Cady (Myra Post), Helen Post and Faith Cooper, the alumnae who came back during the first week of college, congratulated us most heartily on the results of our rushing and are sure that Theta will be glad to receive our pledges.

We were deeply interested in what Grace Holmes had to tell us of Convention. She was especially delighted with the charming hospitality of the Swarthmore chapter. From what we hear, the new grand officers will be a source of inspiration to the fraternity and we will be glad to co-operate with them in the effort to make these next years tell in the history of the fraternity.

JESSIE OBETZ.

MU—ALLEGHENY COLLEGE.

Mu girls are rejoicing in being together again, and have settled down once more to some months of work and play. Allegheny has assumed a very newly painted and varnished appearance in her garb of additions and innovations. The growth of the college has necessitated enlargement in all the buildings. Old Bentley has been completely renovated, and the biological laboratories removed to Ruter, leaving more space for recitation halls. A new preparatory school is in the process of erection, and almost ready for occupancy. In our dormitory there are mentionable changes in the form of an addition having in it twelve dwelling rooms, a splendidly equipped gymnasium, fraternity suites and a Y. W. C. A. assembly hall. The new fraternity rooms are not yet completed and at present we feel very unsettled with our Lares and Penates stowed away in dry goods boxes.

Another innovation is in the year divisions from the three-

term system to the semester plan. It is quite an experiment, but promises to succeed very well.

The preceptress who had mothered successive generations of girls, has given place to Dean Fraser, a graduate of Toronto University. She is most adequately filling her position, and winning respect from all the girls. In the face of these various changes, so distinctly new in character at Allegheny, and so numerous, it is scarcely strange that the new girls feel but little less at home than the veterans among us.

The three national fraternities here are under a Pan-Hellenic contract of six weeks, so that rushing is most pleasantly simplified.

There have been several informal little functions—chafing dish suppers, afternoon teas, and “spreads”—where the new and old girls may become acquainted. But on October the seventeenth our term party is to be given at the home of Mrs. Marion Sackett Bates.

We have listened most eagerly and profitably to the Convention news which our delegate has brought us. I really believe even those of us who were not able to be at Swarthmore feel better acquainted with our sisters of other chapters by the realization that the fraternity aims and ideals *are* in common. May the aims broaden and the ideals materialize, and the year just begun be particularly a red letter year of advance and success.

AMY V. COURTENAY.

PI—ALBION COLLEGE.

In consequence of the fact that several of our best girls graduated last year, we of Pi chapter are more enthusiastic and more zealous than ever before in our endeavors to strengthen dear Kappa Alpha Theta. We have selected the girls whom we hope to call our own on bidding day, November first, and we have rushed them at all sorts of spreads and lodge parties. One of our particularly successful “stunts”

was a progressive zone party, the torrid, temperate and frigid zones representing the meat, salad and desert courses, and being served at three different houses. Although rushing season bristles with excitement, we are flying our kites calmly and peaceably, and we hope successfully.

Gertrude Kamps, our sister who won two tennis championship medals last year, and graduated as class valedictorian, rejoiced our hearts by returning to teach in the Albion High School, but has been obliged to leave because of a nervous collapse. Our love prompts many prayers for her quick recovery.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from Bell Blowers Everett, an alumna who now resides in Pittsburg, Pa.

Prof. Lutz, who holds the chair of German in our College, has recently returned from a year's trip abroad.

Dr. Frank Wilbur Chace, the director of our Conservatory, has been studying in New York during the past summer with Dudley Buck, who valued his musical ability so highly that he presented him with four hundred dollars' worth of music from his own library.

Our delegate to the convention, Mabel Anthony, has inspired us with a new love for Kappa Alpha Theta, and we say with one accord:

"Sisters all in unity,
Knit by love's attraction,
Let us gird our armor on,
Now's the time for action."

Sincere greetings to every Theta, and here's hoping that this year may bring unparalleled success to Kappa Alpha Theta.

RUTH LOUISE HALLER.

ALPHA GAMMA—OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY.

We have just returned to College from our long summer vacation. Formerly each fraternity could give as many rushing parties as she cared to during the summer, but this summer, owing to the Pan-Hellenic association, only three large parties were allowed, although as many small ones, composed of six girls, as each wanted. A great many of Alpha Gamma's girls were out of the city this summer, so most of our rushing was done just a week before registration day. Under Pan-Hellenic laws, no invitations were given out, by any of the fraternities until two days after registration. We have three pledges, Mildred Stuber, Grace Cockins, Clara Brooks. With four seniors, two juniors, and two sophomores, our chapter will number eleven in all.

Ohio State University is fast becoming one of the largest colleges in the central part of the country. This year the enrollment was two thousand, the largest that it has ever been. The new Chemistry and Ceramics buildings which are now under construction, will be ready for occupancy by Christmas. They are very imposing and make a splendid addition to our other elegant buildings.

From October twenty-sixth until the twenty-ninth the Y. W. C. A. of Ohio State University will act as hostesses at a Convention to be held here. About two hundred delegates are expected. Several of our girls take an active part in this work.

The Girls' Glee Club, to which six of our girls belong, has held one meeting and will start practicing in a few weeks.

EUGENIE ROUNSAVELL.

ALPHA ETA—VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY.

Our summer vacation is over and Alpha Eta chapter is once more reunited for another year, which we hope to make a most prosperous one, both in our class work and in our

fraternity. For after three months' recuperation we feel fitted for the fall term's work at the University, and the prospects for Alpha Eta are especially bright because of the infinite enthusiasm inspired by our first biennial Convention. Several of our girls were there and their glowing accounts have rendered those of us who were not so fortunate almost equally enthusiastic, and have made each one of us more than ever determined to exert every effort to be present at the next Grand Convention, and each succeeding one.

These first two weeks of the fall term have been unusually quiet ones for Alpha Eta, as opening weeks. This fact arises from two causes, the principal one being the inter-sorority compact, which we have been able to make with the local sorority. As a result of this, asking day has been postponed until December the first, thereby greatly moderating the strenuousness of the rushing season. We are thus enabled to do good work during these first important weeks, and we hope, also, that our plan will reduce expenses.

The second, though of course minor cause of this comparative quiet, comes from the loss of our chapter-room during the summer. The chapters who own their houses can scarcely realize what this loss means to us just at the beginning of the rushing season. However, the mother of one of our girls has kindly given us a room in her house, on the third floor, where we will be undisturbed, and we are now arranging it and hope soon to be in order again.

The principal affair of interest that we have given for the entertainment of the new girls, was an afternoon reception at the home of our faculty member, Miss Vaughn. The campus is especially beautiful at this time of year, and as there is so little time left to enjoy it we held a reception out under the trees. It proved to be a most delightful affair. We have also enjoyed some rowing on the lake at Centennial Park.

We Thetas who live in town have been keeping in touch

with each other during the summer by spreads and various excursions. Rose and Sophie Ambrose also gave a Theta house-party in August and we had a merry week of it.

But through all our good times there has been a touch of sadness, for several of our girls have gone away to teach. We feel their absence keenly, but there is now all the more need of drawing closer together, and we hope to make Alpha Eta stronger than ever before. So with warm enthusiasm and deeper sense of duty, we enter upon this year with renewed pledges of love and loyalty.

KATIE GUILL.

Delta District.

DELTA—UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS.

The Thetas of Delta chapter have come back to school, to find their long-planned-for house a splendid reality. The parlors and sleeping rooms are both comfortable and pretty, and the general arrangement seems most effective.

We are situated directly across the street from the new Woman's Building which was opened on September twenty-second, at a reception given by the Woman's League, in honor of the freshman girls. The household science department, the gymnasium, and several rest and study parlors, besides offices for the Dean of Women and the Director of Physical Training, are in this building. The convenience of our proximity to it, is already making itself very evident.

Taking advantage of our new and attractive chapter-house, we have held several pleasant rushing parties here, among them, a spread, an informal dance, and a "rained-in" picnic. The limits upon rushing, set by the local Pan-Hellenic Association last spring, seem most satisfactory. The one rule of discontinuing all rushing after seven on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, is the most effectual of the limitations, as well as the most conducive to

good work and good health. The length of the season is four weeks and that brings our bidding-day on October seventeenth.

To add to its interest, that date is the first of the days set aside by the University, for the formal installation of President James. The remainder of that week is to be given up to festivities, and these will be greatly increased in our chapter, by a reunion of as many of the alumnae as possible. Several have already signified their intention of coming back to enjoy the ceremonies, to see the new house, to renew acquaintance with, or make the acquaintance of, the active chapter, and last but not least, to meet the new girls who will just have been pledged.

LOUISE SHIPMAN.

KAPPA—UNIVERSITY OF KANSAS.

This fall, Kappa chapter has begun the college year very auspiciously, in spite of the fact that several of the girls whom we had expected back were unable to return.

The first of September we moved into the new chapter house which had been built for us during the summer, and we are now very comfortably settled in it with Mrs. Gray with us again as our chaperone. Vera Hull, one of our last year's seniors, Margaret Philbrooke, who will come back next term to finish, and Mary Minor, who will also be back next term, visited us during the first few weeks of college.

This year we have asked our new girls sooner than we have for the past four years, and we also decided to adopt a mild form of rushing. We were very sorry for this, but as the local Pan-Hellenic had decided on the first Monday of college, September the eleventh, for pledge day, we found that it was necessary to make chances for desirable freshmen to become acquainted with us. We confined all our entertainments to very informal gatherings at our house, and the homes of some of our town girls, for we felt that we could come to know the girls really better in that way.

The other sororities here, Pi Beta Phi, Kappa Kappa Gamma, and Chi Omega, pledged on the day set, but we felt that we were still not quite ready. We also wanted to wait until after our reception to all freshmen girls which we give annually, with the help of our *alumnæ*. This reception we gave in our new home Saturday afternoon, September sixteenth, and that same evening we entertained the faculty and their wives.

The next Monday evening, September eighteenth, we held our pledge service for five new girls: Jessie Baldrige, of La Junta, Colorado, a sister of one of our last year's seniors; Wilma Casebee, of Independence, Kansas; Elizabeth Laird and Edith Barnett, of Kansas City, Mo., and Edna Gafford, of Lawrence.

We have been especially honored this year in having Hedwig Berger elected as editor-in-chief of the Senior Annual.

Two of our girls who live at the house attended Convention and have told us so much about what was done there and have talked so enthusiastically of our other Theta sisters that we have all determined that we will try harder than ever to go to the Convention of 1907. We are all waiting anxiously now for the official report of our delegate, which will be given after the initiation.

REBECCA E. MOODY.

RHO—NEBRASKA UNIVERSITY.

Rho chapter has the prospect of an unusually successful year with eighteen active girls back and three pledges, Margaret Wheeler, Lincoln; Alice Batty, Hastings, and Ada Haggard, York. In addition, Laura Woodford, '03, is teaching in the Lincoln Academy and doing some University work, Nellore Wilson, '04, has a fellowship in French, and Alice Towne, '05, is in the gymnasium department.

We have been delayed in moving into our new house, but expect to be settled in a week. It is a sixteen-room house,

a block from the University, thoroughly artistic and up-to-date. It will be entirely filled from the first.

MINNIE SWEZEY.

TAU—NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

Tau chapter is at present involved in all the business of a four-weeks' rushing season, which was decided upon this year by the Pan-Hellenic. Each fraternity has ten dates with a rushee, four of which are for formal affairs, and no fraternity girl may be with a rushee for the space of half an hour, without counting the time as a date. This ruling seems rather foolish now, as it is comically hard to keep such specific track of time. Our first formal function came in the shape of a dinner at Mrs. Peake's, while the other three have been planned for as a card party, a progressive supper, and a dance, respectively. As pledge day does not come until October twenty-third, the strain promises to be pretty hard, especially since the sororites are rushing against each other to perhaps a greater extent than usual; but we are optimistic, and hope for good results. Our chapter is strong this year, for all the old girls are back except Gwenn Clark, who is at Smith College; and her place has been supplied by Catherine Wilson, who has returned to Northwestern. We feel proud of having ten with which to begin our rushing season.

With Tau's best wishes for a successful pledge-day in all of Theta's chapters.

FLORENCE JENKINS.

UPSILON—UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA.

The opening of the college year found Upsilon chapter established in a new home, with eight of the girls back. The first of September, we moved out of the house we had been occupying into a flat, and in some ways we are more delightfully and comfortably situated now than we were last year.

With no rushing restrictions save those imposed by the

national Pan-Hellenic Association, pledging began almost the first day of registration and rushing was practically over in three weeks. While the conditions were no worse than those of previous years, we feel very strongly the need of certain rules and regulations regarding rushing, and of a general pledge-day, and hope that we will have these by next year, through the action of the local Pan-Hellenic Association.

This year we pledged seven. They are Elva Leonard, Edith Knowlton, Rosamond Leland and Emily Child, of Minneapolis; Miriam Pfaff and Alice Hasson, of St. Paul, and Jane Mackin, of Savannah, Ill. We are justly proud of our sisters to be, and feel sure that they will worthily represent Kappa Alpha Theta in the future at our University.

We received a visit from Miss Harrison, our former District President, the first week of college, which on our side was thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated.

The University of Minnesota opened the year with a registration of four thousand, the largest in the history of the institution. Several new buildings are being erected, among them a New Main Building, to take the place of the Old Main, which was destroyed by fire a year ago. Last summer Thomas Shevlin, one of Minneapolis' wealthy lumbermen, gave sixty thousand dollars for a Woman's Building to be built on the Campus. To secure such a building has been the immediate aim of the Woman's League of the University for the last four years, so that this gift comes as a most welcome benefaction to the women of the University. This building is intended for the literary, religious and other organizations of the young women students, and for social purposes, and will add greatly to the attractiveness and enjoyment of our University life.

Upsilon extends its best wishes to all its sister chapters for a happy and prosperous year.

GENEVIEVE JACKSON.

PSI—UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN.

Psi chapter is in the midst of rushing and the hand clasp she sends all ye Theta sisters, though somewhat hurried, is none the less cordial and expressive of her best wishes for another happy year to all Theta chapters.

The year has begun in an unusually strenuous way for us. There are so many attractive girls to rush and our rushing committee, which was composed mainly of Madison girls who were together all summer, planned such a continuous program for this first week. For a second time the town girls gave a play which they have been working on during the summer months. This time the play was a parody on the travels of Æneas from Troy to Italy, the Greek and Roman costumes making it very unique. Would it not be fun for Thetas to form a syndicate and exchange plays? We have heard of several original plays which other chapters have produced and think it would be quite an idea to trade with them. We would like to tell of another very attractive event which was planned for us by our alumnæ. We are so fortunate as to have five alumnæ with beautiful homes on University Heights, one of the prettiest parts of Madison, and here we were invited to a progressive luncheon. One course was served at each house and the guests were provided with tiny hansom cabs in which to travel the intervening distances.

We are very proud of the growth which our University shows this year. Nearly four thousand students have registered and with two new buildings, one for chemistry and one for the Y. M. C. A., besides a large addition to our Main Hall, we feel that we are thriving wonderfully.

We have many plans for making this a very successful year in our efforts to uphold Theta ideals, some of which we hope to tell of in later letters.

RUTH GOE.

ALPHA THETA—UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS.

Alpha Theta has taken up its abode in a larger house this year. Hence there have been *two* topics of conversation, Convention and "the house," and one may hear mingled comments of "Isn't it good to be back!" "Was the Grand Council very alarming?" "Shall I put these curtains in the library or the reception hall?" "Where are the table cloths?" "Were the Eastern girls very different?"

We are hoping to be straightened out domestically by the end of the week, and have sent our invitations for smaller rushing parties as well as for our large annual reception, which is to be given on October the eleventh.

We are very fortunate in finding this year in our University one of last year's Lambda's girls, Sarah Eno. Fortune has also granted to one of us the English Fellowship.

It is with a decided impetus given by Convention, and the meeting there with older Thetas that we start upon our new year, a year in which our babyhood shall have been yielded to our dear new chapter, Sigma.

Gamma District.

PHI—STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

From far away California come greetings and very best wishes for the success of our new sister chapter in Toronto, and although Phi chapter is so far away from Sigma, she offers her love and hearty co-operation in the problems that Sigma is working out for herself for the first time.

We girls of Phi were made very happy upon our return to college this fall by the improvements in our chapter-house, the gift of our alumnæ and friends. The walls of our living room and library were retinted and the additions in our furniture included a library table and several chairs, a big rug for our living room, and several brass jardineres with house plants.

This is the last week of our rushing contract, and we are all anxiously awaiting the end. The contract this year, with so many restrictions, is something entirely different from that of previous years, and we hardly knew what the outcome would be. But most of us feel now that restrictions in our rushing are a help instead of a hinderance.

The construction of our new athletic field is the subject of most interest to our college world this semester. A year ago the inter-collegiate agreement between the University of California and Stanford went into effect, providing for the playing of the big foot-ball game each year on the campus grounds of one of the Universities. Stanford has the honor of having the game on her campus this year, and our athletic field will be used for the first time. The entire expense of the new field will be about thirty thousand dollars. The bleachers on the Varsity field will accommodate fifteen thousand people. There will be two fields, the Varsity field and a supplementary field, two training houses, two base-ball fields, and eight or ten tennis courts and tracks when the field is completed. It is with a great deal of interest that the

students are watching its completion, for it will help Stanford to a more prominent place in the athletic world.

MARY HUTCHINS.

OMEGA—UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA.

Assembled again from the mountains and the seashore, encouraged by a freshly painted chapter-house, newly planted (but be-gophered) lawn, not to mention a new piano for which our alumnæ are generously helping to pay, and most of the girls back, Omega entered the rushing fray this year with much youthful enthusiasm. For the first time Pan-Hellenic rules were put in practice, by which we had a three-weeks' contract, and feel safe in saying that the agreement was satisfactory to none. Yet we had three weeks of gay times—when we forgot to worry as to the outcome.

It is interesting to read of the kinds of functions the various chapters give in rushing. Among our affairs here were a Spanish dinner at the house, two dinners followed by dances, an evening picnic in the hills, luncheon at the Country Club, Revenue Cutter Party on the Bay, and a beautiful dance at the home of Marion Walsh. At the end of the contract, September eleventh, we pledged four girls, much worth all our work, Adelaide Bangs and Rowena Elston, of Berkeley; Maude Cleveland, of Gresham, Ore., and Pearl Chase, of Santa Barbara, Cal. On the evening of September thirtieth, we held our initiation, that event looked forward to always not only on account of the new Thetas to be, but the old Thetas, who so loyally come back for these reunions.

Within the chapter Omega has cause for rejoicing just now. Mary Gilbert, one of our seniors, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. We are filled deservedly with pride. Also, at the initiation was announced the engagement of one of our alumnæ who was with us during rushing season, Rowena Moore, of B., '03, Los Angeles, and Paul Selby, Beta Theta

Pi, '01. Yet it is not all joy, for we reserve as our right a little selfish sadness. Mr. Selby's business is in South Africa, and it is there he takes his bride to live. And speaking of far-distant lands, Florence Wilson, '06, is in Europe this year. Again, a cause of both joy for her and selfish sadness for ourselves.

Omega has had a chance to welcome Thetas from other chapters since college opened. Several of the Phi girls have visited us. Ella and Minnette Miller of Alpha Delta, are living in Berkeley and attending the University, and Florence Sill, of Alpha Zeta, was with us for a week. Both short visits and the fact that we have two Baltimore girls within a few blocks of the house, mean much to us.

Within the greater University world many matters of interest are taking place. Of course the annual foot-ball disturbance is at hand and our baby aspirants and scarred veterans are at their deadly work.

A new department of music has been organized, with Prof. Wolle, of Bethlehem, Pa., at its head. Great things are expected of this noteworthy step in University growth. We have been very fortunate musically, for besides our regular college concerts there have been held for some time Sunday afternoon concerts in the Greek Amphitheatre, open to the public and enthusiastically attended.

The University is now striving to establish an honor system here. The movement is still in its early stages, but the aim and end in view is worth much work and worry.

Though in the far West, it is with a new sense of nearness and a common bond brought out to us by our girls at Convention, that Omega sends the new term's greetings to all Kappa Alpha Thetas.

CORNELIA STRATTON.

PERSONALS

Lambda

Margaret Healey, '01, is at her home in Wallingford.

Sarah Eno, ex-'08, has entered the University of Texas.

Helen Hodge, ex-'03, is doing special work in college this year.

Leirion Johnson, '96, has announced her engagement to Mr. Edward Allen Appleton.

Miss Helen Ferguson, '01, announced her engagement to Mr. Samuel Dennis, a Phi Delta Theta, of Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Winfield Brown (Bessie Wright, '94), of Bigelow, Maine, is in the city.

Mrs. L. J. Paris (Addie E. Edwards) is teaching in a private school in Burlington.

Mabel Nelson, '99, was married to Professor Elbridge C. Jacobs, Alpha Tau Omega, June 22, 1905.

Florence Burdick, '95, was married to Professor William Hayes, July 18, 1905.

Miss Florence Nelson, '01, was married to Mr. Perley O. Ray, Phi Delta Theta, August 9, 1905.

Emma Richardson, '04, was married to Mr. St. Clair, September 28, 1905.

Hatta Mason Hodge has a position in the Burlington schools, as a kindergarten teacher.

May Russell, '99, is teaching in Ware, Mass.

Chi

Lola J. Searles, ex-'05, and Prof. Frederick W. Revels, Phi Kappa Psi, were married June 15th.

Bertha Vilas Knapp, '03, and Arthur W. Towne, Phi Kappa Psi, of Amherst and Harvard universities, were married July 17th.

Janet Harris, '01, is spending the year in Europe, with her mother.

Miss Lula Berkey, Tau, spent a day at the chapter-house during the month of August.

Luclair Smith, ex-'03, was married at our chapter-house to John M. Chick, Phi Delta Theta, on August 30th.

Mabel Northrop, '98, has accepted a position as instructor in the design course in our College of Fine Arts.

Miss Grace Northrop, Iota, visited Chi a short time last spring.

Alsa Partridge, '05, is teaching in a high school in Buffalo.

Mary Cook, '05, has a position in Saratoga Springs High School, as instructor of English.

Marian Ferguson, '05, has returned to take a course in music in Fine Arts College.

The engagement of Grace Baird, '04, to Roscoe Hersey, '05, Psi Upsilon, is announced.

On September 7th, Edna Mitchell, '04, and Dr. Edwin H. Shepherd, '05, Delta Upsilon, were married. They will spend the year in travel and study abroad.

On August 23d a daughter was born to Alice Hasley Merritt, ex-'05.

Elizabeth G. Hendrix, Beta, was with us at our Alumnae Banquet in June.

Alpha Epsilon

On June 1, Bertha Tucker, 1899, was married to Mr. John H. Adams, a graduate of Brown University.

Florence E. Doane, 1905, has announced her engagement to Mr. Herbert E. Harris, of Providence.

Elsie J. Coon, ex-'07, was married on June 27, to Mr. Charles R. Howard, of Kansas City, Mo.

On August 12, Mary G. Wilbur, '99, announced her engagement to Mr. Prince H. Tirrell, a graduate of Yale.

The engagement of Mabel T. Cobb, '00, to Mr. Thayer, Cornell, '01, has been recently announced.

Alpha Zeta

Aurelie Reynaud has recently returned from Europe.

Alpha

Alma John, '02, and Nell Walker, '03, are taking work leading to their A. M. degree in Latin.

Ruth Baker, '04, is teaching freshman German and French in Baker University, Kansas.

Oolooah Burner, '04, is assistant English teacher in the University.

Lenni Burner, '05, is teaching freshman English in the Academy.

Mary Haughton, '05, and Lilian Maxwell, '05, are both teaching in high schools.

Beta

Charlotte Malotte has been promoted from Assistant Professor to Professor of Latin in the State College of Washington.

Epsilon

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. James Oscar Boyd (nee Bertha Work McManigal), a daughter, in June.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Crooks (nee Ruth Elliot), a son, in June.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Williams (nee Helen Weld), a son.

Misses Grace and Ruth Thompson returned to Tokio, Japan, August 26th.

May Corbett is in Wooster for the coming year.

Laura D. Fulton, '05, is teaching in the high school at New London, Ohio.

Eta

Helen Mead, '07, has entered Bryn Mawr this year.

Harriet Harrington is again teaching in Marquette, and Janet Goudie also has her former position in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Elsie Sawyer spent commencement week, last June, in Ann Arbor, before going to Una Palmer's wedding.

Lois Wilson, '05, is teaching in Saginaw high school this year.

Charlotte Bissell is teaching French and Physical Geography in the Toledo high school.

Myra Post Cady and Helen Post spent a week in Ann Arbor at the beginning of college.

Charlotte Walker is working for her Master's degree in the University of Michigan.

Faith Cooper, '04, was with us for a few days the last part of September.

At the close of college, last June, a party of active and alumnae Etas held a two weeks' camp at Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, after which several of them visited Mabel Mason, '03, at Gladstone, Michigan.

Minerva Rhines, who is teaching in Detroit Central High School, spent the summer in Europe.

Alice Wadsworth is soon expected home from her European trip.

During the summer several Theta picnics were held at Belle Isle, Detroit, Cavanaugh Lake and Ann Arbor.

Grace Hills, '04, is teaching at Muskegon, Michigan.

Bernice Bond is in college this year and expects to graduate in June.

Mu

The marriage of Miss Ethel O'Dell, '01, to Mr. Laverne Marsh, took place in June.

Miss Margaret McLaughlin, '05, is at present doing social settlement work at the Hiram House, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Nell Fitzgerald, ex-'07, is teaching in the schools of Marienville, Pa.

Miss Clara Campbell, '95, has just sailed for Paris, where she is to begin a year's study.

Miss Bess Burnham, ex-'05, Woman's College of Baltimore, '05, has received a position as instructor of Latin and German in the high school of Union City, Pa.

Miss Martha Gaston, ex-'07, has entered the Lakeside Hospital, in Cleveland, Ohio, where she will take training as a nurse.

Miss Ailene Miller, ex-'08, has accepted a position in the high school at Warren, Pa.

Miss Anna Haskins, ex-'00, has just returned from a summer spent abroad.

Alpha Gamma

Susan Siebert returned home October second, after a four months' trip in Europe.

Hortense Baker has been very ill for six months, but is now convalescing and she is going to move west the latter part of October.

Bertha Paterson was married in June to Charles Bond, Phi Delta Theta. They live in New York.

Mary Bohannon, class of '04, who is a nurse in St. Luke's Hospital, in New York, was in Columbus for a short visit this summer.

Nine of Alpha Gamma's girls attended the Convention this summer.

Alpha Eta

Louise Bang, our delegate to the Grand Convention, is teaching at the Woman's Conference College in Tuskegee, Ala.

Louise Wilson, '05, is teaching at Franklin, Ky.

Nona Murrell, ex-'05, was married on June 29, to Dr. H. Z. Kip, professor of German, at Vanderbilt.

Laura Hayes, '05, is teaching in Kentucky.

Roberta Dubose is teaching at the Woman's Conference College in Alabama.

Josephine Munford is studying music in Austria.

The following of Alpha Eta's girls were present at the Convention: Sophie and Rosa Ambrose, Louise Bang, the delegate, Elsie Handly, Nona Murrell, Miss Vaughn, and Laura Hayes.

Delta

Jane Mather, ex-'02, has returned to college, and is taking a Domestic Science course.

Helen Taylor, '03, after a year of European travel, is at her home in Bloomington. She has been with us for a few days and has helped us in rushing.

Isabella Fyfe, '05, is librarian of the new Carnegie Library at St. Joe, Mich.

Late in May, Jeanette Davidson, '08, was married to Ralph Gage, Sigma Alpha Epsilon. They are living at 1335 Sheridan Road, Chicago.

Edith Reed, '08, is attending a kindergarten school in Chicago, this year.

Jeanette Keator, ex-'05, is back this year at Illinois, as a senior.

As a member of the corps of rhetoric instructors, Helen Bullard, '05, is with us again this year.

Norma Love is teaching near Danville.

Mary R. Potter, a Theta from the old Delta chapter at the Illinois Wesleyan, has recently been made Dean of Women at Northwestern University.

Tau

Vera McCabe visited the chapter this autumn.

The marriage of Kate Holcomb to Mr. Joseph Weese (Phi Delta Theta) takes place on Wednesday evening, October eleventh.

Florence Pond is attending National Park Seminary, Washington, D. C.

Upsilon.

Many of our teachers are occupying new positions this year. Catherine Comfort, '90, has gone to Mill's College, Oakland, California; Alice Jackson, '03, has taken her place at the State Agricultural College of Minnesota; Eugenie Lamphere, '05, is in Sleepy Eye, Minn., and Blanche Stanford and Katherine Kennedy are together at Willow River, Minn.

Grace Lavayea, '03, who has been ill with typhoid fever, in Minneapolis, has returned to California.

Franta Soule, ex-'01, has sailed for a winter in Europe.

Upsilon has had the following weddings since last May: Gertrude Gibbs, '93, and Ferdinand Meier, of New Ulm, Minn.; Florence Dennison and Orville C. Moore; Sophie Pendergast, '95, and Rev. Harry White, of Duluth; Foy Hotchkiss, '99, and Lester Fitch, '99, of Tracy, Minn.; Anne Goodsil and Dr. J. Morris Slemmons, of Baltimore; Kate Morse and Harry J. March, Chi Psi, Minn.; Alice Jones, '00, and William Henry McVay, Jr., of Portland, Ore.; Ethel Ridgway and Monroe Fowler, Phi Gamma Delta, of Minneapolis; Catherine Brewer, of Marshall, Mich., and Murray Irwin, of Jackson, Mich.

Jane Spaulding, Phi, spent a day in Minneapolis on her way home from Convention.

Harriet Watson has been visiting Upsilon during October.

Helen Nind expects to spend the winter in California.

Born, to Rowena Pattee Evenson, a son; to Grace Barker Evans, a son; to Elizabeth Fisher Litzenberg, a son.

Phi

Sara Reid Park, '04, has announced her engagement to Lieutenant Beebe, Phi Delta Theta, Vermont, '00.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul C. Harper (Alice Dickinson, Iota), June 22, '05, a son.

Elizabeth Hogue, '01, is in charge of the Students' Guild Hospital, of Stanford.

Lucy Allabach, '95, spent a week at Stanford this fall.

Charlotte Malotte and Lettie Miller, Beta, have been among Phi's visitors since college opened.

Susan Clark and Mary Maxwell, of Omega, have both paid Phi a visit this September.

Karoline Hammond, of Alpha, is with us this year, continuing her university work in Stanford.

Alice Hines, '02, made us a short visit.

Florence Sill, Alpha Zeta, and Bertha Barnard, Omega, spent a day with us.

Ortha Belle Fielder, '97, made us a short visit at the opening of college. We hope to have her with us next year.

Inez Perring, Beta, is spending the winter in Palo Alto with her sister.

Alice J. Dinger, Alpha Delta, made us a visit.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Homer Laughlin (Ada Edwards), September, 1905, a son.

NEWS FROM THE COLLEGE WORLD.

In the Independent for October 5, there appears an article entitled "The Good and Evil of College Fraternities." The author, who prefers to remain unknown, is a graduate of one of the state universities of the Middle West, and is himself a loyal fraternity man, whose loyalty does not blind him to the fact that fraternities have their faults.

He begins by saying that while there has been more or less discussion of the fraternity question for some time, within the last year a movement has begun which will make this discussion more active and force the fraternities to defend their reputation, if not their very right to exist. This has been largely brought about by the growing opposition to what the author designates as "the amazing raft of pestiferous little high school and even grammar school fraternities," which present most of the evils and very few of the virtues of the college societies. In the sweeping away of these fraternities, the public, that has heard all the allegations against them, questions whether the college societies are not guilty of some of the same things that have caused the abolishment of their high school imitators.

The author reviews the opposition to the early secret societies and the charge of lack of democracy in fraternities, as they spread to the South and West where the percentage of fraternity students is much smaller. In a few cases, their legal right to exist has been questioned and laws attempting to banish them have been made.

The author believes that the influence of the chapter houses upon chapter members is good. If a chapter is at all open to the charge of disorderly conduct, it is because it is composed of men who would be open to the same charge even if no such thing as a fraternity existed. And as each chapter includes not only members, but also alumni all over the country, who are kept in close touch with their alma mater by having some definite interest in connection with it, the ideals and interests of the younger members are elevated and broadened by contact with men of wide experience and high aims, who still take an active interest in all that concerns their old college chapter and those who are carrying on its work.

Beta Theta Pi's Convention was held in New York City, in

July.

Delta Upsilon held their Convention in Utica, N. Y., on October 26th and 27th.

Delta Tau Delta held its Karnea in New York, in August.

Gamma Phi Beta holds a Convention in Minneapolis, on November 7-10.

Kappa Kappa Gamma installed a chapter in Adelphi College last May.

Chi Omega established, in June, a new chapter at West Virginia University.

John Hay, Secretary of State, who died July 1, 1905, was a member of Theta Delta Chi, at Brown University.

Daniel S. Lamont, former Secretary of War, who died July 23, 1905, was a Delta U. at Union.

The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, for June, has an interesting article on "Some College Customs," which is quite entertaining.

Chancellor James R. Day has announced the gift to Syracuse University of a sum of money for two dormitories for men, each accommodating one hundred and seventy-five. The name of the donor is not yet known.

Sigma Kappa, a fraternity for women, was established in Syracuse University in June. Alpha Chi Rho also established a chapter in Syracuse University, in June.

The number of students in Syracuse University is rapidly approaching three thousand, the actual number being two thousand nine hundred.

EXCHANGES.

We are glad to acknowledge the following exchanges:

May—Alpha Xi Delta of the Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, The Phi Gamma Delta, Delta of Sigma Nu, The Record of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, The Sigma Chi Quarterly, Themis of Zeta Tau Alpha.

June—The Shield of Theta Delta Chi, The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta, The Caduceus of Kappa Sigma, The Trident of Delta Delta Delta, The Delta Upsilon Quarterly, The Beta Theta Pi, The Shield of Phi Kappa Psi, The Alpha Tau Omega Palm, The Rainbow of Delta Tau Delta.

July—The Key of Kappa Kappa Gamma, The Alpha Phi Quarterly, The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi, The Centaur of Alpha Kappa Kappa.

August—The Eleusis of Chi Omega.

October—The Delta Upsilon Quarterly.

It frequently occurs that the active chapters long for a sympathetic interest from their alumnae. They may want, not only financial aid to bridge them over a trying financial difficulty, but a word of suggestion and help. But whatever the nature of the help desired it will come in the best form as the result of the interest which they may have. How can this be kept alive? With each year there goes from the chapter the Seniors. Will they cease to be interested? A very effective means of keeping this alive is afforded by "The Crescent." Solicit their patronage for the quarterly, and you have greatly strengthened their future loyalty to the active chapter from which they go forth.—The Crescent of Gamma Phi Beta.

The girls of a sorority are apt to get together in the halls of college buildings and talk of their own private affairs. In one corner, is a crowd of Alpha Phis, talking busily about Alpha Phi. In another corner are some Tri Deltas, voicing Tri Delt's opinions. In another, is a crowd of Gamma Phis, excitedly discussing Gamma Phi plans. It would be more thoughtful and certainly less conspicuous, if the girls would defer these discussions and meetings until they are in their chapter houses. With a little more thoughtfulness,—and may we say courtesy,—on the part

of sorority girls, many of the objections to sorority life would be done away with. We want loyalty, but not the noisy, obtrusive sort. This over-enthusiasm often works more harm than good. A sorority is kept together by loyalty, but let us make it quiet, and above all, considerate, loyalty.—The Arrow of Pi Beta Phi.

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